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**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 520:
Rules Regarding Publication of Public Comments on Statewide
Referenda, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of the Secretary
of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1 Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 520: Rules Regarding Publication of Public Comments on Statewide Referenda, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made.

1. With regard to the payment required for publication, the language must be changed so that cash is not included as a method of acceptable payment. Language must be changed to require that comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on the day prescribed in the provisionally adopted rule.

2. With regard to the rejection of comments submitted to be included in the Citizen's Guide, the language must be changed to provide a timeline by which the Secretary of State reviews the comments and then notifies the person that submitted the comments so that the submitter may correct the comments and resubmit them. This timeline must be similar to the one provided in Chapter 520, section 3.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.