



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$187,600	\$0	\$178,000	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$187,600	\$0	\$178,000	\$0

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires municipal clerks to establish procedures to ensure each voter voting in a party's primary election is offered a ballot for that primary election.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows unenrolled voters to vote in primary elections without having to enroll. The Department of Secretary of State would require a General Fund appropriation of \$187,600 in fiscal year 2015-16 for ballot printing costs, postage and upgrades to the central voter system.