



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Smith of Palermo

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$493,500	\$4,375	\$4,375	\$4,375
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$493,500	\$4,375	\$4,375	\$4,375

### State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires registrars to annually notify voters whose signatures expire in that calendar year and provide them with a voter signature registration update form.	Municipality	Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$493,500 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$4,375 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one-time computer programming costs and ongoing postage and other expenses to update voter registration signatures every 5 years.