

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1149****LR 2495(01)****An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor:****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 |
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| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$1,141,840 | \$306,250 | \$306,250 | \$306,250 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
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State Mandates**Required Activity**

Requires the presentation of photographic identification for in-person and absentee voting and requires municipalities to only have one secured drop box for the return of absentee ballots. The bill allows voters without photographic identification to complete a challenged ballot and within 4 days after the date of the election appear before the registrar of voters and present photographic identification. The bill also removes provisions of law that allow voters to make telephone applications for absentee ballots and that allow voters to automatically receive absentee ballots for each election without submitting a separate request for each election.

Unit Affected
Municipality**Local Cost**
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 Department of the Secretary of State will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,141,840 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$306,250 in fiscal year 2026-27 for postage, document production and technology costs to implement a program of presenting photographic identification for the purposes of voting.