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An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris. Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLINGS of Portland, DRINKWATER of Milford, GREENWOOD of Wales, HYMES of Waldo, RISEMAN of Harrison, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §81-B is enacted to read: 3 §81-B. Resignation required; candidacy in election The Secretary of State shall resign from office if the Secretary of State becomes a candidate in any election. For purposes of this section, "any election" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 2 and "candidate" has the same meaning as in Title 4 5 6 21-A, section 1, subsection 5. 7 8 **SUMMARY** 9 This bill requires the Secretary of State to resign from office if the Secretary of State 10 becomes a candidate in any election.