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H.P. 424

House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

**An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the  
Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be  
Conducted**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.  
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, CHAPMAN of Auburn, FREDERICKS of Sanford,  
HYMES of Waldo, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §5, is  
3 amended to read:

4 A. If there are 2 or fewer continuing candidates, the candidate with ~~the most~~ a majority  
5 of the votes cast in that round is declared the winner of the election.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill provides that, for the purposes of ranked-choice voting procedure, if there are  
8 2 or fewer continuing candidates, the candidate with a majority of the votes cast in that  
9 round is declared the winner of the election.