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**Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice
Voting**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

1 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
2 353, the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting, referred to in this resolve as
3 "the task force," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 9
5 members as follows:

- 6 1. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
- 7 2. The Deputy Secretary of State overseeing the Bureau of Corporations, Elections
8 and Commissions or the deputy secretary's designee;
- 9 3. The Director of the Division of Elections and Voting within the Bureau of
10 Corporations, Elections and Commissions or the director's designee;
- 11 4. The chair of the Committee for Ranked Choice Voting, or the chair's designee;
- 12 5. One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 13 6. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 14 7. One member who is an expert in voting systems appointed by the President of the
15 University of Maine; and
- 16 8. Two at-large members appointed by the members of the task force described in
17 subsections 1 to 7; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State or the secretary's designee
19 is the chair of the task force; and be it further

20 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
21 appointments under section 2, subsections 1 to 7 must be made no later than 30 days
22 following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the
23 Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been
24 completed. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not
25 all appointments have been made, the chair may request authority and the Legislative
26 Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it
27 further

28 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall make recommendations for
29 rules and changes to the law to implement ranked-choice voting. These proposed rules
30 and changes to the law must include but are not limited to provisions for the following:

- 31 1. Training for municipal clerks and other election officials;
- 32 2. Template design for ballots;
- 33 3. The use of paper ballots and the optional use of optical scanners;
- 34 4. The role of municipal clerks and other election officials;

