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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**SENATE**  
**131ST LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 323, L.D. 764, “An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Regular Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election”

Amend the amendment by striking out the first to 5th indented paragraphs after the substitute title (page 1, lines 15 to 27 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd, 4th and 5th paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 7 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**Whereas**, 4 direct initiatives were introduced during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature; and

**Whereas**, 3 of those direct initiatives concern participation in the political process; and

**Whereas**, unless enacted by the Legislature without change, those direct initiatives will be presented to voters on the general election to be held on November 7, 2023; and

**Whereas**, participation in elections may entail "core political speech" protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

**Whereas**, the Legislature desires to consider enacting one or more of the direct initiatives without change during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature without affecting participation in the November general election; and

**Whereas**, the effective date of any direct initiative enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, which is 90 days after adjournment, may occur during the November election cycle, which may result in a change to the election rules in the middle of an election and thereby affect participation in the November general election; and

**Whereas**, this Act seeks to delay the effective date of any direct initiative enacted during the First Special Session until after the November 2023 election in order to not affect participation in this election, but not to otherwise change the direct initiatives as proposed to the Legislature by the electors; and'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

