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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to S.P. 245, L.D. 577, "An Act to Increase Availability of Election Information on Local Government Websites"	;			
Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:				
'An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites'	ļ			
Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:				
'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §611 is enacted to read:				
§611. Online access to election information				
By January 1, 2026, the Secretary of State shall provide a publicly accessible website or equivalent online platform through which voters may access information about upcoming elections, including local elections to the extent that municipalities provide information on local elections to the Secretary of State in accordance with Title 30-A, section 2506. The publicly accessible website or online platform must allow a voter to look up the polling location for the address at which the voter is registered.				
Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §612 is enacted to read:				
<u>§612. Security</u>				
The Secretary of State may work with municipalities to increase cybersecurity related to elections, including assisting municipalities with the development or migration of online platforms to secure domains.				
Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §2506 is enacted to read:				
<u>§2506. Online access to election information</u>				
A municipal clerk may make available to the Secretary of State information about upcoming local elections for the purposes set forth in Title 21-A, section 611.				

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## **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 2	<b>Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.</b> The allocations are made.	following approp	riations and	
3	SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF			
4	Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692			
5 6 7	Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Digital Navigator positions and related All Other costs to administer and oversee the publicly accessible websites that contain local election information.			
8 9 10 11 12	GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other	<b>2023-24</b> 0.000 \$0 \$0	<b>2024-25</b> 2.000 \$224,403 \$33,621	
12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$258,024	
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15 16	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.			
17	SUMMARY			
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. It requires the Secretary of State to provide a publicly accessible website or equivalent online platform for voters to access information about upcoming elections, including local elections to the extent municipalities provide information on local elections to the Secretary of State. It permits the Secretary of State to work with municipalities to increase cybersecurity related to elections. It permits a municipal clerk to provide the Secretary of State with information on upcoming local elections. It creates 2 positions within the Department of the Secretary of State to develop and manage the publicly accessible website and provide support to municipalities.			
27 28	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED			
20	(See attached)			

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