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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even Numbered Election Years

Sponsors, Representative Bradstreet, co-sponsor Representatives Arata, Carlow, Ducharme, Landry, Poirier, and Sargent.

→ Testimonial of Linda P. Haskell, Garland, Maine in opposition

Presiding Chair and Representatives on the committee,

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, § 18, sub-§2 should not be amended to November of an even-numbered year. Our State of Maine has been following the constitution for many years with great success, until the referendum on Ranked Choice Voting was shoved down our throats by the wording of the referendum, so delicately jumbled that the average hard working Mainer, did not know what they were voting "in". Obviously this is to benefit some party or group, **but not the majority of the Maine people.** The majority of Mainers which I have encountered are unhappy with the results of the change in our voting, it is worked, why was it changed and why the change now on this date of elections? **We the people want to keep our present dates of elections!**

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, §18, Sub-§2 and Art. IV, Pt. Third, 18, sub-§3, MUST REMAIN IN THEIR ORIGINAL STANDING, NO CHANGES TO THE MAINE CONSTITUTION!

The Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date -- must be debunked for what it is, false pretense. The Maine voters have been subjected to the false majority, they have had enough of the mishandling of our rights and constitution.

After being at the public hearing, I agree with even numbered year.

*I am sending this as my testimony LINDA P Haskell
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After being at the Public Hearing, I have decided that this is possibly a good idea.

I do not like the idea of changes to the Maine Constitution. I see the results of the Ranked Choice Voting being shoved down our throat with the deception in the Article when it was introduced. It has given the Maine voters a false majority,so I am skeptical of any legislation presently being brought forward.

This is my testimony, Linda P. Haskell Garland, Maine