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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition to

LD 1336 - An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures

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Sen. Nangle, Rep. Stover, and members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am testifying today in opposition to LD 1336 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

Municipal officials appreciate that this bill intends to provide a level of transparency in municipal ballot referenda expenditures but are concerned with the undue burden that it will place on town and city clerks.

When it comes to small communities with little to no experience filing campaign finance reports, officials give pause to adding the administration of this program to their duties. Furthermore, the reporting deadline would fall close to the November election which, as you are all acutely aware, is an intensely busy time for clerks.

For these reasons the LPC kindly ask the committee to vote ought not to pass on LD 1336. Thank you for your time and for considering the municipal perspective on this issue.



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