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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support Of

LD 600 - An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections

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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 600 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, the LPC guides MMA's advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Municipal officials appreciate any attempt to clarify language in statute to reduce or eliminate confusion. For any election in which the outcome is a tie, it makes sense to require the Secretary of State or municipal clerk to automatically initiate a recount. While it may seem to some local leaders that this measure is obvious, they also appreciate the clarity in statute.

Thank you for your time and for considering the municipal perspective on this issue.



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