



Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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To: Senator Joseph Rafferty, Senate Chair Representative Kelly Noonan
Murphy, House Chair
And members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

From: Patti Dubois, Chairperson, Legislative Policy Committee
Maine Town and City Clerks' Association

Re: LD 734 – An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine High Schools

Position: Neither For Nor Against

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association is Neither For Nor Against LD 734 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your Committee.

Clerks obviously support facilitating voter registration for all eligible voters and already participate in various community events and school activities to provide information and assist with voter registration.

Members were uncomfortable with the mandate that clerks be the voter registration drive coordinators, since many municipal clerks are facing short staffing, along with carrying many other various other responsibilities such as administering general assistance, performing tax collector duties, staffing the customer service area, etc. In addition, where there are school districts that include students from multiple towns, clerks would be serving as a pass through when assisting with registrations for students who are not residents of their municipality.

A possible amendment which would alleviate some of our members' concerns would be to remove language from line 8 and 9 "or invite a 3rd party, including, but not limited to, an outside organization or a town clerk". Finally, the requirement for the Secretary of State to track the voter registration coordinator for all school districts on an annual basis will add additional workload to a department that is already stretched.

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony with the Committee. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at (207)680-4210 or by email: pdubois@waterville-me.gov .