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LD 147

I am writing to express my strong support for LDs 147, 148, 149, 150, 455, 508, 1052, 1068, 1161, and 1193. These bills, among other things, promote the direct popular election of our constitutional officers, including the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, and the Attorney General. This change would empower the people of Maine to elect these officials, rather than having them appointed by the legislature, as is the current practice.

I also support LD 1193, which would require recorded votes by the state legislature when electing these officers. This added transparency is essential for accountability.

However, I do not support LD 452, which seeks to incorporate Ranked Choice Voting into this process. I oppose this measure and urge that it not move forward.

In summary:

I urge the committee to vote "ought to pass" on LDs 147, 148, 149, 150, 455, 508, 1052, 1068, 1161, and 1193.

I urge the committee to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 452.

Thank you for your time and consideration.