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LD 452

I'm contacting you in opposition to LD 452 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General by Ranked-choice Voting.

Maine is one of only seven states where the Attorney General is not popularly elected and one of only twelve states where the Secretary of State is not popularly elected. States throughout the rest of the country allow their citizens to directly elect the people who serve in these important roles, making Maine's policy a national outlier. Maine should do what most of the rest of the country does, have our Constitutional Officers directly elected by the people, not party insiders. That being said, I believe we should elect these people using the plurality voting method, not Ranked Choice Voting.

I urge the committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 452.