

Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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Date:

January 22, 2025

To:

Senator Craig Hickman, Senate Chair

Representative Laura Supica, 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 13 – An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of

Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group

to Study Polling Places at Schools

Position:

SUPPORT

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association is in support of LD 13 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your Committee.

FUNDING OF ELECTIONS:

Members expressed strong support for adequately funding the Secretary of State for the production and delivery of election materials to municipal clerks. Timely receipt of these materials by municipal clerks helps make the administration of elections more manageable.

RECONVENING THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY POLLING PLACES AT SCHOOLS:

Since many municipalities use schools as their polling places, members expressed support for continuing to explore the concerns about security of students and school staff, election staff and voters. Clerks noted that having students and school staff present while voting is taking place at that school presents significant challenges to both school administrators and election administrators. Discussion of these issues with the listed stakeholders should provide amenable recommendations.

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.