



Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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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 349 – An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration

Position: OPPOSE

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association is opposed to LD 349 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your Committee.

Members acknowledged that the establishment of a cut-off for voters to register to vote would provide some breathing room in the days preceding election; however, there was strong consensus that this could disenfranchise voters and doesn't provide the level of service to the voters that they are accustomed to receiving from their local clerk/registrar.

Maine clerks and registrars are accustomed to having same-day registration and have streamlined this process to have manageable lines at the polls. Voters rely on this convenience. Members find solace in knowing that, if a voter was canceled in error, that this can be easily corrected on election day with same-day voter registration.

People move more frequently than they used to; therefore, members feel that voters who have moved will be unable to vote and that the front-line workers will take the brunt of their anger and frustration. Trust me, no clerk wants to be in the position of telling a voter that they can't vote.

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 .