

## Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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Date: April 8, 2021

- To: Senator Joseph Baldacci, Senate Chair Representative Ann Matlack, House Chair And members of the State and Local Government Committee
- From: Patti Dubois, Chairperson, Legislative Policy Committee Maine Town and City Clerks' Association

Re: LD 1274 – An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings

Position: SUPPORT

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association is in SUPPORT of LD 1274 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your Committee.

We appreciate the extension of this level of flexibility during COVID-19 and agree that the measures will eventually be unnecessary, hence the sunset clause.

One concern that was raised is from municipalities with Town Meetings and Elections in March. Having January 15, 2022 as the date that these measures end is in the middle of their planning and could add some confusion. It would be less confusing if the measures were in effect until March 31, 2022.

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 680-4210 or by email: pdubois@waterville-me.gov.