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Maine has 430 towns and 23 cities. Many of these municipalities are small. Many have limited resources to publicize information on state and local elections. As a volunteer for the League of Women Voters, I contacted many town clerks to encourage them to provide election information to their citizens, for the 2022 election. Many replied that they appreciated my efforts. They felt that the League of Women Voters was doing an important service for their citizens. Providing election information was an effort they too were trying to do, though they did not always have the resources or the time.

LD 577 will address this lack of resources by having the Secretary of State's office offer a way to post this local election information online for towns. This will ensure that the information is available to all Maine citizens, which will be especially useful for citizens of towns that today do not provide this information online. All Maine voters should have easy access to local election information before they vote.

Maine can be proud of our voter participation record. In 2022, 75% of registered voters voted. We may have the highest turnout in the nation. Support for LD 577 is support for all Maine voters. Thank you for your consideration