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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of LD 580, Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Kate Dufour and I am providing testimony in support of LD 580 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials strongly encourage enactment of LD 580. Not only does the bill ensure that Maine voters have a say in whether early voting becomes an option in our state, by its permissive nature it also provides communities with a "second bite at the apple" when deciding whether to implement the procedure locally. It is a process that will be welcomed in some communities and deemed unnecessary in others. At the end of the day, the voters will decide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.