

# TOWN of SABATTUS

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Good afternoon all,

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association's Legislative Policy Committee & The Town of Sabattus, is strongly opposed to LD 208 –

This legislation proposes to:

## **Eliminate the three-day deadline for any voter to request an absentee ballot-**

- Small Town office are already stretched thin during election with many extra hours on the books, and we need the time to prepare voting list and any set up of the election polls

## **Allow a 3<sup>rd</sup> party runner to return a voter's absentee ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day, rather than within 2 business days of issuance-**

- This creates questions of ballot security and ballot integrity and MTCCA is opposed to this proposed change in the statutes as the ballots could possibly be out of the office for a possibility of 30days. Our members would like to see better protections for our voters and ballots and recommend the statute language remain unchanged.

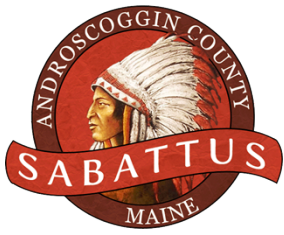
## **Allow in-person absentee voting on Election Day-**

- In a small community this is nearly impossible as we close down the Town office and workers are at the election site, so if they plan to vote absentee on election day, they will still have to attend the polls to see the Town Clerk, they have a significant amount of time to request an absentee ballot

Regards,

Judy Fournier-Deputy Clerk

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