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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition to

LD 1496, *An Act To Establish the Board of Canvassers for Certifying Election Results*

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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 opposition to LD 1496 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials believe the existing system of checks and balances, which allows issues and concerns to be addressed on a case-by-case basis, ensures that elections are conducted appropriately and accurately. Furthermore, the delays that might occur in certifying election results, if LD 1496 is enacted, could erode the public's confidence in the process and the state and municipal officials who work tirelessly to ensure the integrity of the system. Absent evidence showing how this additional step will improve the quality of Maine elections, municipal officials urge the Committee to oppose the initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.