



CITY OF BANGOR

Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

Testimony in Opposition of LD 349– An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration

February 10, 2025

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Lisa Goodwin and I am the City Clerk in Bangor. I am providing testimony on behalf of the City of Bangor in opposition to LD 349.

Maine voters have a long tradition of being able to register and/or change their voter registration information on Election Day.

In November of 2024, between November 1st and November 5th, Bangor registered 1,206 new voters and made updates to 516 records of voters already registered. Ninety percent of the registrations were done on Election Day. There were 6,523 voters that voted on Election Day; 26% of those voters either were new voters or needed to update their voter record that day. Had same day voter registration not been in place, those voters would not have been allowed to update their information or register to vote.

Municipal Clerks and registrars have been administering same day voter registration for decades without challenges that would warrant repealing this law. Voters should have every opportunity to vote and eliminating same day voter registration would likely disenfranchise many eligible voters.

With the full support of the Bangor City Council, I urge you to oppose LD 349. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

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