



Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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Date: April 2, 2025

To: Senator Craig Hickman, Senate Chair
Representative Laura Supica, House Chair
And members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

From: Patti Dubois, Chairperson, Legislative Policy Committee
Maine Town and City Clerks' Association

Re: LD 1289 – An Act to Amend the Election Recount Process

Position: SUPPORT

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association is in support of LD 1289 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your committee.

Members felt that lowering the threshold percentage to trigger a required deposit could reduce the number of recount requests. In addition, allowing the Secretary of State to include payroll costs for state workers staffing the recount seems reasonable, since that is likely the highest cost in administering that process. Finally, municipalities who follow Title 21-A in administering local elections would like to be afforded the same benefits. It may add clarity to amend the language to remove the term "state" before "workers" on line 14, so that it clearly could also apply to municipal staff.

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony with the Committee. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at (207)680-4210 or by email: pdubois@waterville-me.gov .