



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 199

LR 108(02)

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Establishes a provisional voting process requiring election officials to track provisional ballots and provisional ballot affidavits, complete a provisional ballot log and report the status of all provisional ballots to the Secretary of State.	Municipality	Moderate statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the state from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires voters to provide proof of identity with photograph identification documentation when voting. The legislation includes a provision to issue a free nondriver identification card to individuals who have never been issued a card and need one solely for the purpose of voting. Costs associated with issuing free identification cards, education and training would be covered by federal Help America Vote Act funds. Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with affidavits and forms are considered minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.