



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 253(01)

An Act To Require That the Governor Be Elected by the Ranked-choice Voting Method

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Russell of Portland

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-11	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any impact from this bill is contingent on approval by the voters at referendum. This legislation requires the office of the Governor to be elected using the ranked-choice method. In addition to the cost of the initial authorizing referendum mentioned above, if approved the Department of Secretary of State will incur General Fund expenditures in fiscal year 2014-15 for conducting the second and subsequent rounds of counting the ballots, producing a separate ballot for the office of the Governor and retrieving the tamper-proof containers of ballots. The department estimates it would need to hire 15 temporary workers to conduct the count.