



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 518

LR 133(01)

An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting in the State

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Woodbury of Cumberland

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$142,198	\$121,727	\$43,161	\$121,967
Highway Fund	\$0	\$72,948	\$0	\$72,948
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$142,198	\$121,727	\$43,161	\$121,967
Highway Fund	\$0	\$72,948	\$0	\$72,948

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to implement ranked-choice voting for Governor and State legislative candidates. The Department of Secretary of State will require a General Fund appropriation of \$142,198 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$45,801 in fiscal year 2014-15 to update the ballot tabulating machines, purchase additional memory devices, lease a high-speed vote tabulating unit and contract 2 limited-period Special Deputy positions to oversee the central ranked-choice voting counting process. The Department of Public Safety will also require a General Fund appropriation of \$75,926 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$72,948 in fiscal year 2014-15 for overtime and fuel to retrieve, secure and return election ballots.