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Amend the Senate Order by striking out all of the Ordered paragraph and inserting the following:

**ORDERED**, that the Senate authorizes the President of the Senate to represent the interests of the Senate and take all appropriate action, including the retention of outside counsel, to intervene in any current litigation involving ranked-choice voting or to bring such separate action as is appropriate to raise statutory and constitutional questions concerning the administration of the ranked-choice voting election process, including both the primary and general elections, in order to preserve the integrity of the separation of powers provided for in the Constitution of Maine and preserve the integrity of the election process of Maine and to raise all appropriate claims and to seek all appropriate manner of relief, including but not limited to injunctive relief against any state or municipal official or officials seeking to exercise power relegated to the legislative power of Maine not duly and properly extended to such official or officials. Any intervention or commencement of a separate action as described in this paragraph must be filed within 21 days of the date of passage of this order.’

### SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the authority granted in the order concerns ranked-choice voting and the administration of the ranked-choice voting election process in both primary and general elections and specifies that any intervention or commencement of a separate action must be commenced within 21 days of the date of passage of the order.