

LD 115 An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag
To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
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SUMMARY

This bill replaces the current State of Maine flag with the original state flag that was in use between 1901 – 1909.

TESTIMONY

Sponsor (Rep. Paulhus)

Proponents: written only: Thomas Ancona; Matt Bourque; Matthew Hokanson; Ian Yaffe; Maine Stitching Specialists; Eric Henrickson; Jeremy Hammond; David B. Martucci, vexillologist (studies flags); Nathan Miller; Cristos Lianides-chin

Opponents (none)

NFNA (SOS)

PRIOR LEGISLATION

LD 687 was referred to this committee in the 1st Regular Session of the 129th Legislature with identical language to this bill. It was amended in committee and passed as a Resolve. The resolve, 2019 Resolve, c. 22, instructed the SOS to create, a commemorative flag in recognition and celebration of the State's bicentennial in 2020.

POTENTIAL ISSUES / TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

None identified at this time

FISCAL IMPACT - Preliminary (OFPR)

Preliminary fiscal impact statement indicates no fiscal impact.