



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Reestablish a Presidential Primary System in Maine

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Luchini of Hancock

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$122,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$122,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires municipalities to conduct presidential primary elections.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

\$857,000 every 4 years

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Secretary of State will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$122,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 for ballot printing and postage costs to hold a presidential primary election. Similar funding would be required every 4 years.

The municipalities will incur costs of \$857,000 every 4 years based on the Report Regarding Establishing a Presidential Primary System in Maine, which was submitted to the 128th Legislature by the Department of Secretary of State on December 1, 2017.