



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine's High Schools

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. McCabe of Lewiston

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires secondary schools to organize and facilitate voter education and registration activities each year beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Significant statewide

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

Any additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.