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House of Representatives, March 16, 2017

An Act To Modernize Ballot Notices for City Elections

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
HARLOW of Portland, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, RECKITT of South Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2554, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and
3 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is
4 further amended to read:

5 **3. Specimen ballots and instruction posters.** At least 4 days before election day,
6 the clerk shall post a specimen ballot in one or more conspicuous, public places in each
7 ward. ~~Before the election, the clerk shall publish a composite specimen ballot containing~~
8 ~~the names of all the nominees in a newspaper having general circulation in the city.~~ On
9 election day, when the polls are opened, the clerk shall post an instruction poster in each
10 voting booth, and ~~3~~ at least one instruction ~~posters~~ poster and ~~5~~ at least one specimen
11 ~~ballots~~ ballot in the voting room outside the guardrail enclosure.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill removes the requirement that before a city election the clerk publish a
14 composite specimen ballot containing the names of all the nominees in a newspaper
15 having general circulation in the city. It also removes the requirement that the clerk post
16 multiple copies of the instruction poster and specimen ballot in the voting room outside
17 the guardrail enclosure and instead specifies that at least one of each of these documents
18 be posted.