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The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1058 "An Act to Modernize Ballot Notices for City Elections."

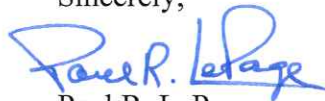
This bill would repeal the requirement that city election clerks publish composite specimen ballots in a newspaper having general circulation in the city. The bill also removes the requirement that clerks post multiple copies of the instruction poster and specimen ballot in the voting room.

Due to the unabashed liberal bias of Maine newspapers and the third-rate reporting by the so-called "journalists" they employ, Mainers are increasingly choosing to get their news from other outlets.

Because the vast majority of Mainers do not buy Maine newspapers that are in general circulation, it is important that we keep the requirement that specimen ballots be displayed at polling stations. I also think current law should be amended to provide that sample ballots be posted on the internet, rather than in newspapers.

For these reasons, I return LD 1058 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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