



TO: The Honorable Louis Luchini
The Honorable John Schneck, Co-Chairs
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: LD 1904 An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Elections

Good morning. My name is Anna Kellar. I am the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Maine and a resident of Portland. The League of Women Voters of Maine supports LD 1904.

These common-sense housekeeping measures proposed by the office of the Secretary of State enhance the efficiency, transparency, and consistency of Maine's election system.

We have just two very brief comments.

We welcome public notification of early processing of absentee ballots, which we called for in our testimony on LD 1730 this past May.

And we enthusiastically endorse lowering the age qualification for election officials to include 16-year-olds who are conditionally registered to vote. We could not ask for anything better than to give high school students a chance to learn about, and participate in, our democracy at ground level.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.