

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 147; No, 0; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 315)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 600, "An Act To Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms."

This bill provides that a person convicted and adjudicated of a Class D crime of domestic violence is prohibited from possessing a firearm for 5 years from the date of the conviction or adjudication. The prohibition would expire at the conclusion of the 5-year period of time unless the person is convicted of a subsequent crime during the prohibition.

I have been amazed to find how many Democrats are soft on illegal drug traffickers who prey on our weakest citizens. I am similarly astounded how many Democrats are soft on the issue of domestic violence. A person convicted of a domestic violence crime should be prohibited from possessing a gun for much longer than 5 years. Therefore this bill does not go far enough. Domestic violence and illegal drugs plague our society and until the Legislature starts getting tough on those issues, our public safety will be severely jeopardized.

For this reason, I return LD 600 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms

(H.P. 413) (L.D. 600)

(C. "A" H-389)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 420V**

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Campbell J, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Esping, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Guerin, Hawke, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Marean, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stanley, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Hickman, Noon.

Yes, 103; No, 43; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

103 having voted in the affirmative and 43 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 763, "An Act To Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures."

Government is best when it is closest to the people and the people are able to hold it accountable. There are few matters more important for public accountability than budget approval, a process that residents of Maine take quite seriously. This bill seeks to enable budgets for alternative organization structures (AOS) to be approved in a specially called election rather than during a regularly scheduled statewide election, lowering the threshold for public scrutiny and accountability.

Current law requires that these changes be made at the ballot box during a statewide election. This protects the involvement of Maine citizens by putting issues of importance squarely before them on Election Day. Deciding who should approve the budget that directly affects their property taxes is one such important issue. I cannot support a bill that guarantees fewer members of the public will have their voices heard on how their hard earned dollars are spent.

For these reasons, I return LD 763 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 763)  
(C. "A" H-400)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 421V**

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Crafts, Dillingham, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, O'Connor, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 125; No, 22; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 22 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 317)

**STATE OF MAINE  
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June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

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Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 764, "Resolve, To Impose a One-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers."

This bill is not necessary as it is duplicative. The provisions contained in this bill were encompassed in LD 38, "An Act To

Allow Sufficient Time for Implementation of the Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth System for Educators," sponsored by Rep. Hubbell. LD 38 had an emergency preamble and became law on April 12, 2015.

For this reason, I return LD 764 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying item Resolve, To Impose a One-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers

(H.P. 517) (L.D. 764)

(H. "A" H-354 to C. "A" H-264)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 422V**

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Hanley, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dunphy L, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stetkis, Theriault, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 95; No, 52; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

95 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 946 "Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment