2 June 2017

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 457, “An Act to Repeal the Sunset Date on the Children’s Guardian Ad Litem Law.”

I am of the opinion that the Guardian Ad Litem Law should sunset. I understand there is still a need to have a better guardian ad litem system in our state. There is a tendency in the Legislature to pass a law, then to assume the problem is fixed. I believe that is what happened when the Legislature passed the Guardian Ad Litem Law. Because the system still needs to be fixed, I support the sunset of our current law so a new and serious debate can occur on what other options are available.

For this reason, I return LD 457 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paul R. LePage
Governor