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 297, “An Act To Improve the Administration of Election Recounts.”

There are several provisions of this bill I believe will disenfranchise voters and candidates if they do not have the financial means to contest elections. I believe the law as it exists today is sufficient and that to change the law in the way this bill proposes would be detrimental to our system of government.

For these reasons, I return LD 297 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paul R. LePage
Governor