12 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 1191, “An Act To Extend to One Year the Probationary Period for Certain Municipal Employee Positions.”

I believe six months is sufficient time to evaluate the performance of a new employee. One year is too long to wait to decide whether a municipal employee is the right fit for the role. If supervisors in municipal government are not capable of this evaluation, then our municipalities should look for better skilled managers or invest in training for the those they currently employ.

For this reason, I return LD 1191 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor