23 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 281, “An Act To Amend the Percentage of Votes Needed for Condominium Governance.”

I have long believed that a reverent respect for property rights is essential to good government. Those who purchase condominiums have done so with the knowledge that they are choosing to participate in a special kind of ownership arrangement.

For decades, the Maine Condominium Act has provided this sense of certainty for those who have purchased condominiums. Those who have bought into the condominium model of property ownership should be able to trust that their rights will not be amended or curtailed. Because this bill would take away rights of condominium owners, I cannot support it.

For this reason, I return LD 281 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor