3 July 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

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 1567, “An Act To Amend the Archives and Records Management Law.”

This bill, which was submitted by the Secretary of State, attempts to modernize the archives and records manage statute and the Archives Advisory Board. For decades the Governor has appointed members of the Archives Advisory Board. The bill eliminates the Governor’s discretion to select and appoint board members and allows the Secretary of State to appoint members to the board.

This is simply another attempt to strip away the Governor’s appointment power.

For these reasons, I return LD 1567 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paul R. LePage
Governor