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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 831

S. P. 284

In Senate, February 14, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Simplify the Procedures on Municipal Charter Amendment
Elections.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 30, § 1914, sub-§ 4, ¶ C, amended. Paragraph C of subsection 4 of section 1914 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, and as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 362 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

C. Upon the filing of the final report, the municipal officers shall order the proposed amendment to be submitted to the voters at the next regular or special municipal election held ~~not more than 60 days~~ after the filing of the final report. If there is no such election to be held ~~before the end of the current municipal year within that time~~, the municipal officers shall order a special election to be held ~~before the end of the current municipal year within that time~~ for the purposes of voting on the proposed amendment. Unrelated charter amendments shall be submitted to the voters as separate questions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would eliminate the requirement for an expensive special election to be held within 60 days of a final report, if a regular election is not timely scheduled, whenever the municipal officers are petitioned for a municipal charter amendment. The bill insures that such an election or charter amendments would be held before the end of the current municipal year. Without the changes herein proposed, a municipality could be required to hold as many as 5 special elections in a year.