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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 709,
L. D. 2121, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment
to the Constitution to Eliminate the Three-
month Voting Residence Requirement Following
a Change of Residence Within the State."

Amend said resolution by inserting at the
end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Form of question and date when amendment
shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the alder-
men of cities, the selectmen of towns and the
assessors of the several plantations of this State
are empowered and directed to notify the inhabit-
ants of their respective cities, towns and
plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by
law for calling and holding biennial meetings of
said inhabitants for the election of Senators and
Representatives at the next general election in
the month of November to give in their votes upon
the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution,
and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as
proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to
eliminate the three-month voting residence require-
ment following a change of residence within the
State?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and
plantations shall vote by ballot on said
question, and shall indicate by a cross or check
mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their
opinion of the same. The ballots shall be
received, sorted, counted and declared in open
ward, town and plantation meetings and returns
made to the office of the Secretary of State in the
same manner as votes for Governor and Members of
the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall

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review the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.

Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolution, accompanied by a copy thereof.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add a referendum to the resolution.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.

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