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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-139)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 188, L.D. 238, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Dennysville to vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Dennysville and Berwick to Vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.'

Further amend the Bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'Whereas, the citizens of Dennysville and Berwick are limited in their access to liquor; and

Whereas, the citizens of Dennysville live in a remote area and must travel great distances, at great expense to purchase liquor; and

Whereas, the citizens of Berwick are desirous of being able to conveniently visit a restaurant where they can purchase liquor; and

Whereas, the immediate resolution of these questions is of great importance to the citizens of Dennysville; and'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Special election to consider local option questions.'

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the municipalities of Dennysville and Berwick are hereby authorized to call and hold special town meetings, in the usual manner for calling and holding a town meeting, during the month of June, 1979, for the purpose of voting on / ^{following} local option questions, under the provisions of Title 28:

"Shall state stores and special agency stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the State Liquor Commission in this city or town? (State Liquor Stores)"

"Shall state stores and special agency stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the State Liquor Commission in this city or town on Sunday? (State Liquor Store)"

The inhabitants of Dennysville and Berwick shall vote by ballot on the various questions, those in favor voting "Yes" on their ballots and those opposed/^{voting}"No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as provided in Title 28, section 101.

The results of these votes shall be treated in the same manner and shall be deemed to have the same validity as if the questions were properly voted on under the provisions of Title 28, section 101.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment authorizes the municipalities of Dennysville

and Berwick to vote on certain local option questions concerning the sale of liquor. The need for the bill is set out in the emergency preamble.