

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-564)  
109th LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 206,  
L.D. 254, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Maine  
Milk Tax Committee."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 9  
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 9. Effective date. This Act shall not take effect  
unless the producers required to pay the tax have approved the  
tax by an affirmative vote. At least 51% of the producers  
eligible to vote must vote and a majority of that number must  
vote in the affirmative. The Commissioner of Agriculture  
shall mail a ballot and copy of this Act and a self-addressed  
stamped envelope, within 30 days after the effective date  
of this Act, to each producer required to pay the tax, whose  
name appears on a list certified to him to be accurate, accord-  
ing to available information, by the Division of Inspections.  
The question on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax be levied and imposed on all certified  
producers at the rate of .8 of 1% of the average  
Class 1 price per hundredweight, rounded to the nearest  
10th of 1%, paid to Maine milk producers by Maine milk  
dealers for milk of 3.5% butterfat content during the  
previous calendar year on all milk produced or imported  
for sale within this State, except milk consumed on the  
farm where produced?"

Yes

No

I hereby certify that I am a producer of milk in  
Maine.

If this farm is a partnership or <sup>is</sup> incorporated, I am  
authorized to cast this ballot in behalf of that  
partnership or corporation.

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Signature of Producer

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Signature of Witness

The commissioner shall review the returns received by him within  
50 days after the date of mailing the ballots to the  
producers and certify to the State Tax Assessor the results  
of the election.

If a majority of those producers voting approve the  
provision, section 3 of this Act which repeals and replaces  
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4505, the Act  
shall take effect on January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the effective  
date provision and replace it with a referendum provision  
providing that milk producers approve the tax before it becomes  
effective.