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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-606)
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1793, L.D. 1783,
"RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Prevent Combining more than One Bond Issue Item in
a Single Bond Issue Bill."

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Amend the resolution by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Prevent Combining More Than One Bond Issue Item
in a Single Bond Issue Bill and to Correct Statutory Provi-
sions Relating to Showing Bond Interest on Ballots.'

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Further amend the resolution by striking out everything
after the title and before the Statement of Fact and insert-
ing in its place the following:

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'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as fol-
lows:

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Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §702, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 147, is repealed.

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Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §704-A is enacted to read:

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§704-A. Separate ratification of individual bond issue
projects

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Whenever ratification by the electors of the State is
essential to the validity of bonds to be issued on behalf of
the State pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX,
Section 14, each individual project to be financed by the
issuance of those bonds shall be submitted to the electors
in a separate question. Two or more projects may be com-
bined in a single question for submission to the electors
only if they are so closely related to each other that one
would not be acquired or constructed without the other, or
if they are similar projects in different locations.

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2 Whenever ratification by the electors is essential to
3 the validity of bonds issued on behalf of the State, the
4 ballot shall contain the total interest necessary for the
5 retirement of the bonds outstanding and unpaid.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This amendment:

- 8 1. Changes the proposed language from constitutional
9 to statutory;
- 10 2. Permits combining projects in a single question in
11 2 instances only:
- 12 A. When the projects are so closely related to each
13 other that one would not be acquired or constructed
14 without the other -- a drydock and a wharf, for
15 example; or
- 16 B. When they are similar projects in different loca-
17 tions -- road improvements in several different loca-
18 tions, for example; and
- 19 3. Repeals and reenacts a statute requiring showing
20 the interest necessary to retire bonds on ballots. The
21 statute currently applies only to general election ballots,
22 but this amendment will extend it to all ballots.

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