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**Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to
Allow the Governor to Veto Specific Appropriations and Allocations.**

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, BUTLAND of Cumberland, SUMMERS of Cumberland, Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, BARTH of Bethel, HILLOCK of Gorham, OTT of York, PLOWMAN of Hampden, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TRUE of Fryeburg.

2 **Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two thirds of each
3 branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
4 amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

6 **Constitution, Art. IV, Part Third, §2-A** is enacted to read:

8 2-A. A line-item veto of items of appropriation or
9 allocation bills. The Governor has power to disapprove any item
10 or items of a bill making an appropriation or allocation of
11 funds. The Governor shall specify the distinct item or items
12 vetoed and the part or parts of the bill not specifically vetoed
13 become law, and the item or items of appropriations or
14 allocations disapproved are void, unless passed over the
15 Governor's veto as provided in Section 2.

16 ; and be it further

18 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**
19 **date. Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall
20 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
21 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
22 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
23 following the first Monday of November following the passage of
24 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
25 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

26 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to give the
27 Governor a line-item veto over expenditures of state funds?"

30 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
31 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
32 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below
33 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
34 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
35 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
36 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
37 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
38 are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
39 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
40 Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

42 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
43 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
44 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
45 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to give the Governor a line-item veto over appropriations
and allocations.