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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to S.P. 338, L.D. 1116, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**Sec. 6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor extending to all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation the same civil rights protections now guaranteed to citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin and physical or mental handicap in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of

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2 the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall  
3 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30  
4 days after the date of the proclamation.

5 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
6 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
7 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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13 The estimated cost of sending this question out to  
14 referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda  
15 enacted during the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature  
16 to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to  
17 the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is  
18 \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

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**SUMMARY**

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23 This amendment makes the bill subject to approval at  
24 referendum to be held in November 1997.

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SPONSORED BY: Julie Winn  
(Representative WINN)

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TOWN: Glenburn

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