

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1411

S.P. 489

In Senate, April 11, 2017

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Limit Petitions for Direct Initiatives That Would Violate  
the Constitution of Maine**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DESCHAMBAULT of York, HILL of  
York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: CASÁS of  
Rockport, DENNO of Cumberland, GROHMAN of Biddeford.



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**SUMMARY**

2           This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the Governor,  
3 Attorney General, Legislature by a 1/3 vote of both Houses or at least 500 electors by  
4 petition filed in the office of the Secretary of State to request an opinion of the Justices of  
5 the Supreme Judicial Court on whether a bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors  
6 to the Legislature would, if passed and implemented, violate the Constitution of Maine in  
7 any manner, including, but not limited to, the restriction or abridgement of the rights of  
8 citizens expressly declared in the Constitution of Maine. The Secretary of State must  
9 reject a petition if a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court determines that  
10 the bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors would, if passed and implemented,  
11 violate the Constitution of Maine.