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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 874

House of Representatives, February 12, 1963

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing Statewide Referendum on Retail Sale of Malt Liquor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 61, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by repealing question V, as follows:

~~'V. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt liquors) not to be consumed on the premises? (Beer and Ale to Take Out)'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 61, § 2-A, additional. Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-A. Referendum for ratification of retail sale of malt liquor. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the following question:

"Shall licenses be granted in the municipalities and unorganized territory of the State for the sale of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt liquors) not to be consumed on the premises?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and

return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and it shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with this section, accompanied by a copy thereof.'