

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
103rd LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 216, L.D. 306, Bill, "An Act  
Relating to Form and Arrangement of Ballots in General Elections."

Amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of the 4th and 5th lines (Same in L.D. 306) and inserting in place thereof the following lines:

'C. Further instructions. The following instructions must be printed in bold type ~~across both columns above the party name~~ at the top of the ballot:'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following referendum:

'Referendum for ratification. 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 or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall 'An Act Relating to Form and Arrangement of Ballots in General Elections,' passed by the 103rd Legislature, be accepted?"

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 review the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the Act shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.'

Proposed by Senator ANDERSON of Hancock.  
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