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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
103rd LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 314, L.D. 448, Bill, "An Act
Relating to Counting of Election Ballots."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 924, amended. The first
sentence of section 924 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes
is amended to read as follows:

The election officials shall count the ballots under the
supervision of the warden, as soon as the polls are closed,
except that if, in the opinion of the city or town clerk, the
public interests will best be served, referendum ballots may
be counted on the next day immediately following the election,
provided such count is completed within 24 hours after the closing
of the polls. If referendum ballots are counted subject to this
exception, the city or town clerk shall have the responsibility
for the security and safekeeping of such ballots until such
time as the count has been completed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 961, sub-§2, amended. The 3rd
sentence of subsection 2 of section 961 of Title 21 of the
Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Within 26 hours after the polls are closed, the Clerk shall
tabulate the returns in duplicate on the election return
provided by the Secretary of State, in the presence of the
municipal officers.'

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.

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