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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
104th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 66, L. D. 85, Bill, "AN ACT to Grant a Charter to the Town of South Berwick."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 8 of Article IX (same in L. D. 85) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 8. Charter amendment.

1. Proposal of amendment. Amendments to this charter may be framed and proposed:

- A. In the manner provided by law, or
- B. By ordinance of the town council containing the full text of the proposed amendment and effective upon adoption, or
- C. By the registered voters of the town, or
- D. By report of a charter commission created by ordinance.

Proposal of an amendment by the registered voters of the Town of Lincoln shall be by petition containing the full text of the proposed amendment and shall be governed by the same procedures and requirements prescribed in Article VIII for initiative petitions until such time as a final determination as to the sufficiency of the petitions is made. The petition must be signed by registered voters of the town equal in number to at least 20% of the combined vote cast in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

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2. Election. Upon passage of an ordinance, or upon receipt of a petition finally determined sufficient, or upon receipt of the report of a charter commission, proposing an amendment pursuant to subsection 1, the town council shall submit the proposed amendment to the voters of the town at an election. Such election shall be announced by a notice containing the complete text of the proposed amendment and published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the town at least 30 days prior to the date of election. The election shall be held not less than 60 days and not more than 120 days after the adoption of the ordinance or the final determination of sufficiency of the petition or report proposing the amendment. The form of the ballot shall be as specified in Article VIII, section 3.'

Further amend said Bill by adding after section 9 of Article IX (same in L. D. 85) the following:

'Sec. 10. Short title. This charter shall be known and may be cited as the "Council-Manager Charter of the Town of South Berwick." The clerk shall cause it to be printed and made available to the public promptly.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering section 10 of Article IX (same in L. D. 85) to be section 11.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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