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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
104th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 572, L.D. 759, Bill, "An Act to Grant a Council-Manager Charter to the Town of Lincoln."

Amend said Bill in section 206 by striking out all of subsection 2 (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'2. Forfeiture of office. A councilman shall forfeit his office upon final conviction of a felony or if he lacks at any time during his term of office any qualifications of the office prescribed by this charter or by law.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 902, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 902. 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.

(Over)

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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.

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 804.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 907 a new section to read as follows:

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'Sec. 908. Short title.

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

Further amend said Bill in the Referendum by striking out in the 5th line of the first paragraph (same in L.D.) the word and figure "January 2" and inserting in place thereof the word and figure 'December 31'; and by striking out in the last line of the 2nd paragraph (same in L.D.) the figure "1970" and inserting in place thereof the figure '1971'

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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