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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 104th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S. P. 412, L. D. 1368, Bill,

"AN ACT Prohibiting the Expenditure of Public Funds to Promote
or Oppose Measures to be Voted on at Elections."

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

'R. S., T. 17, §3105, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3105, to read as follows: § 3105. Public funds; for or against measures to be voted on at

No employee or department head of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof shall expend or authorize the use of public funds appropriated to his agency to influence the outcome of any referendum, except that such employee may comment on the effect of the adoption or rejection of the question involved in the referendum. This section shall not apply to any such official or employee acting under Title 30, chapter 242.

Any person who shall violate this section shall be guilty

of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine

of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months,

or by both. The fine imposed shall inure to the governmental entity

whose funds were so used or expended.'

Filed by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

referendum

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