

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 208

In Senate, February 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Voting on Charter Amendments under Municipal  
Home Rule Law.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows.

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 1914, sub-§ 1, amended.** The first paragraph of subsection 1 of section 1914 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The municipal officers may determine that amendments to the municipal charter are necessary and, by order, provide that such proposed amendments be placed on a ballot at ~~the next regular~~ a special municipal election held not less than 60 90 days after such order is passed before the next regular municipal election.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 1914, sub-§ 4, paragraph C, amended.** Paragraph C of subsection 4 of section 1914 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

**C.** Upon the filing of the final report, the municipal officers shall order the proposed amendment to be submitted to the voters at ~~the next regular~~ or a special municipal election held at least 30 90 days after the filing of the final report before the next regular municipal election. Unrelated charter amendments shall be submitted to the voters as separate questions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would make any charter amendments, if passed, effective for the next municipal year. Thus, anyone who runs for local office will know what charter rules they are going to serve under if elected.

If charter changes are needed, they should be put into effect at once.