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SENATE
105TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B " to H. P. 968, L. D. 1328, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Home Rule Procedure."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the amendment of local municipal charters have been ceded exclusively to the several municipalities of the State of Maine by the Legislature; and

Whereas, the municipal home rule legislation which enables these changes to be made requires the charter commissions to prepare the changes for submission to the voters; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to extend the time in which the charter commissions shall prepare the changes in order to avoid hasty legislation and provide more time for the voters to become familiar with the proposed changes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by striking out at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1."

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Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

It is the intent of this amendment to retain that portion of existing Home Rule Procedure requiring 30% of the total votes cast for adoption or amendment if a municipal charter and to provide that the bill be enacted as emergency legislation.

Proposed by Senator:

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COUNTY: Penobscot

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