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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1841

H. P. 1414

House of Representatives, June 14, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Emery of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to **Petitioners' Committee under Municipal
Home Rule Law.**

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

Whereas, the present law permits a petitioners' committee of 5 voters to circulate petitions; and

Whereas, this number of voters creates a hardship in many Maine communities because of the number of signatures required; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary in order for the Home Rule Law to operate efficiently and effectively; 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,

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

R. S., T. 30, § 1912, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 3 of section 1912 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

The petitioners' committee may designate additional voters of the municipality, not members of the committee, to circulate the petition.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit voters in a municipality other than the members of the petitioners' committee to circulate a petition under the Home Rule Law.