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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 723, L. D. 929, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Rights of a Person under Guardianship
to Vote."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph
and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Certain persons may not vote. A person under
for reasons of mental illness
guardianship/may not vote unless that person presents on
the day of election to the warden at the polls of that person
a letter of affirmation, signed by any qualified psychiatrist,
dated no more than 10 days prior to that election, stating
that it is the professional medical opinion of that psychiatrist
that said ward exhibits sufficient mental comprehension to
vote knowledgeably in said election.

It shall be the responsibility of said psychiatrist to
notify in writing the board of voter registration in the
municipality of the ward, at least 3 days prior to said
election, that the ward exhibits sufficient mental comprehension
to vote knowledgeably in said election.

The expenses, if any, of a psychiatric examination necessitated
by this subsection shall be the responsibility of the ward.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment requires an individual under
guardianship for reasons of mental illness to have psychiatric

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certification prior to becoming eligible to vote.

Filed by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

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