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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
106TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to H. P. 827, L. D. 972, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Biennial Elections of the Passamaquoddy
Tribes."

Amend said bill by inserting at the end of the first
paragraph after the amending clause (same in L.D.) the
following new sentence:

'Vacancies in the office of governor or lieutenant governor
of the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation shall be filled
by tribal election.'

Further amend said bill by inserting after the 4th
paragraph after the amending clause the following underlined
paragraph:

'The governor, lieutenant governor and council members of
the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation may be removed from
office by the legally registered voters from that reservation.
The procedure for removal shall be as follows: Upon receipt of
a petition signed by 50 persons registered to vote at the Pleasant
Point Passamaquoddy Reservation seeking removal of the governor,
lieutenant governor or a council member of that reservation, the
commissioner shall call a special election to vote on removal
of the official in question. Only persons registered to vote at
the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation shall be eligible
to vote in such a removal election, and said removal election
shall be held in the same manner as general tribal elections.
Removal shall be accomplished by a majority vote of those voting.
However, before any such removal election is held, the commissioner

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shall call a general meeting on the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation and at such meeting the official whose removal is sought shall have an opportunity to hear the charges against him and present evidence on his own behalf. Any petition seeking removal of an official shall set forth the reasons for seeking removal of such official and the official in question shall be advised of such reasons prior to the meeting called by the commissioner.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to give the Passamaquoddy Tribe the right to fill vacancies in the office of governor and also the right to remove a governor.

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