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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 550, L.D. 1760, Bill, "AN ACT  
Creating the Power Authority of Maine."

Amend said Bill in subsection 1 of that part designated "§3357"  
by striking out the next to the last underlined sentence and inserting  
in place thereof the following:

'An appeal from the judgment of the court shall lie to the law court  
as in civil actions shall apply to proceedings authorized hereunder.'

Further amend said Bill in the 7th line of subsection 3 of that  
part designated "§3357." (same in L.D.) by striking out the underlined  
word "accountants" and inserting in place thereof the following  
underlined word: 'accounts'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the  
Statement of Fact, the following:

'Referendum; effective date. This Act shall take effect  
90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature only for the  
purpose of presenting it to the legal voters of the State of Maine  
at a special state-wide election to be held on the Tuesday following  
the first Monday of November following the passage of this Act.

The aldermen of the cities, the selectmen of the towns and  
the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered  
and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for  
calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the

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election of Senators and Representatives, at a special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this Act,  $\longleftrightarrow$  to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall the State of Maine enter the business of generating and selling electricity by creating the Power Authority of Maine?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of acceptance voting "Yes" and those opposed to acceptance voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall review the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the Act shall thereupon become effective in 30 days after the date of the said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make this Act conform with the petition and to add a referendum to the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Public Utilities.  
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