

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. 4
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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT" C "to S.P. 4, L.D. 4,
Bill, "AN ACT Raising the Age of Persons who may
Purchase Alcoholic Beverages or Sell as Licensees."

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 follow-
ing the first Monday of November following the
passage of this Act.

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

"Shall 'An Act Raising the Age of Persons who
may Purchase Alcoholic Beverages or Sell as
Licensees' become law?"

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 April 30, 1976.

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

This amendment permits the voters of Maine to decide whether or not the proposed legislation to raise the drinking age to 20 shall become law.

(Hichens)
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