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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.1388, L.D.1773,
Bill, "AN ACT to Legalize Gambling."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 1
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 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, to
give in their votes upon the acceptance or
rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall
be:

"Shall 'An Act to Legalize Gambling' 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 January 1, 1977.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add a referendum to the Act.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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