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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1510, L.D. 1827, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Change the Date of Convening of the Legislature.

Amend said Resolution in the Title by inserting after the words "Annual Sessions of the Legislature" the words 'Until the People of the State Vote to Return to a Biennial Session'

Further amend said Resolution in that part that amends the Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, \$1, by striking out after the underlined word "Legislature" at the end of the first sentence the period and inserting in place thereof the following:

'; provided that in the general election of 1986 and every eighth year thereafter as long as regular annual sessions of the Legislature continue, the question whether to continue regular annual sessions or to return to a regular biennial session shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the electors in the manner provided for constitutional amendments, but without the approval of the Legislature. If the electors vote to return the Legislature to a biennial regular session, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall immediately amend the Constitution to reflect this decision, establishing a biennial regular session to convene on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in January following the general election.' D OF R.

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Further amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph from the end, before the Statement of Fact, and inserting in place thereof the following:

' "Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to provide for annual sessions of the Legislature until the people of the State vote to return to a biennial session and to change the date of convening of the Legislature?" '

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the people of the State will automatically vote every 8 years as long as annual regular sessions of the Legislature continue on whether to continue annual regular sessions or to return to a biennial regular session.

NAME:

COUNTY: Penobscot

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