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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1609, L.D. 1888, Bill,
AN ACT to Require Returnable Beverage Containers."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 2 the
following:

'Sec. 3. 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 cities, the selectmen of 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 Require Returnable Beverage Containers,'
passed by the 107th Legislature, 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 3, 1977.

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 the amendment is to add a referendum clause to the bill with an effective date of January 3, 1977.

Filed by Mr. McKernan of Bangor.

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