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Reported by Mrs. Boudreau from the Committee on Election Laws, pursuant to H. P. 1646 and printed under Joint Rules No. 3.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Filed under Joint Rule 3, pursuant to H. P. 1646.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to the Form of Ballots.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 5 is amended to read:

5. Referendum questions on separate ballot. Referendum questions must be printed on a separate ballot. Two squares must be printed at the ~~right~~ left of any referendum question submitted, with "Yes" above one and "No" above the other, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross or a check mark.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2061, sub-§ 5, ¶ D is amended to read:

D. A square shall be printed at the ~~right~~ left of the name of each candidate, and 2 squares shall be printed at the ~~right~~ left of any question submitted with "yes" above one and "no" above the other, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross mark (X) or a check mark (V)

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is one of the results of the Election Laws Committee's study of the election laws, pursuant to a study order, H. P. 1646.

Under the law now, in primary and general elections, the square for the mark on the ballot is to the left of the candidate's name. However, on referendum and municipal election ballots, this square is on the right side of the ballot. This bill would make the ballots consistent by moving the square to the left on referendum and municipal election ballots.