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No. 2289

H. P. 2147

House of Representatives, March 4, 1976

(Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Order, S. P. 635, as amended.) Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Permit the Town of Camden to Vote on June 8, 1976 on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sunday Sale of Liquor.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Town of Camden is heavily dependent upon the tourist industry; and

Whereas, at present the Town of Camden does not permit Sunday sales of wine or malt liquor for consumption off the premises; and

Whereas, the Town of Camden wishes to reconsider this prohibition as soon as possible; and

Whereas, an opportunity for this reconsideration will arise during June of 1976; and

Whereas, immediate resolution of these questions is of great importance to the Camden tourist industry during the summer months of 1976; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Election to consider local option questions. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized to conduct an election on June 8, 1976 in the Town of Camden

at which inhabitants of the Town of Camden may vote on the following local option questions contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28, section 101, subsections 12 and 13:

12. Shall this municipality or unincorporated place authorize the sale on Sunday of malt liquor for consumption off the premises by such licensees who are permitted to make such sales during the rest of the week?

13. Shall this municipality or unincorporated place authorize the sale on Sunday of table wine for consumption off the premises by such licensees who are permitted to make such sales during the rest of the week?

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the Town of Camden ballots in manner and form as prescribed in Title 21, section 702 for constitutional amendment or other questions, together with all such other forms including those for instructions and returns as are prescribed in Title 21.

The inhabitants of Camden shall vote by ballot on the above questions, those in favor voting "Yes" on their ballots and those opposed "No" and the Secretary of State shall receive, sort and count the ballots in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall canvass the same and the result shall be determined as provided in Title 21. The results of this vote shall be treated in the same manner and shall be deemed to have the same validity as if the questions were properly voted on under the provisions of Title 28, section 101.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.