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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-196)
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 386, L.D. 1331, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Relief From Extremely Burdensome Property Taxes."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Shall 'An Act to Provide Relief from Extremely Burdensome Property Taxes,' as enacted by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective January 1, 1979.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Position of referendum question. The referendum question contained in section 3 of this Act shall appear on the referendum ballot immediately after the direct initiative question to be voted on at the special statewide election to be held in November, 1977.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that the bill will be voted on by the people, and establishes an effective date for the Act, if it is approved, of January 1, 1979.

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