

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-136)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 188, L.D. 238, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Dennysville to vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Concerning Voting on Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.'

Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'Whereas, current state statute limits referendums on local option liquor questions to general elections, no matter when petitions initiating those referendums are submitted and no matter what the current need for a vote on those questions is; and

Whereas, there have arisen in several municipalities situations in which an early vote on local option questions concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages is vitally important to the economies of those municipalities; and

Whereas, recognizing these special needs, the Legislature has decided to permit special elections to be held on local option questions <sup>at</sup> in municipalities and/times other than at a regular general election; and'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause, and inserting in its place the following:

'28 MRSA §101, first ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 630, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The municipal officers of cities and towns and the assessors of plantations, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 15% of the voters voting in that municipality in the last gubernatorial election and addressed to the municipal officers, as defined by Title 30, section 1901, subsection 7, are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective municipalities to meet, in the manner prescribed by law, at a special meeting called for that purpose or at the next general election if the petition is addressed to the municipal officers at least 21 days and not more than 60 days prior to the general election, to vote upon any one or all of the following questions:'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit municipal officers to hold a special meeting to vote on local option questions at times other than at a general election.