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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-164) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " $\mathbf{D}$ " 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 everything after the enacting and before the Emergency clause clause/and inserting in its place the following:

'28 MRSA §101, first paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 630, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 in Title 30, Section 1901, subsection 7, at least 21 days prior to holding any primary, special statewide, general or municipal election or annual or special town meeting, are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective municipalities to meet, in the manner prescribed by law to vote upon any or all of the following questions:

## Statement of Fact

Enactment of this amendment will allow the public to petition for local option questions to be brought forth at various times of the year instead of only at the general election held every other year.

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The protection clause is retained in the 12th paragraph that stipulates "No local option vote shall be taken on the same question more often than once in any two-year period."

Records are maintained by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages indicating the date each question is voted upon.

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