

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 238**

H. P. 188

House of Representatives, January 31, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Vose of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Dennysville to vote on Certain Local Option  
Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.**

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**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 Dennysville is located in an area remote to an established state liquor store; and

Whereas, the citizens of Dennysville are required to travel long distances to obtain the service of liquor, thereby creating an extra expense to the inhabitants; and

Whereas, the immediate resolution of these questions is of great importance to the citizens of Dennysville; 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:

**Special election to consider local option questions.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Town of Dennysville is hereby authorized to call and hold a special town meeting, in the usual manner for calling and holding a town meeting, during the month of June, 1979, for the purpose of voting on the following local option questions:

“Shall state stores and special agency stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the State Liquor Commission in this city or town? (State Liquor Stores)”

“Shall state stores and special agency stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the State Liquor Commission in this city or town on Sunday? (State Liquor Store)”

The inhabitants of Dennysville shall vote by ballot on the above questions, those in favor voting “Yes” on their ballots and those opposed “No” and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as provided in Title 28, section 101.

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**

This bill authorizes the Town of Dennysville to vote on certain local option questions concerning the sale of liquor. The need for the bill is set out in the emergency preamble.