

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-524)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to H.P. 206, L.D. 254, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Maine Milk Tax
Committee."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 8 and
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 8. Effective date. This Act shall not take effect
unless the producers required to pay the tax have approved the
tax by an affirmative vote. At least 51% of the producers
eligible to vote must vote and a majority of that number must
vote in the affirmative. The Commissioner of Agriculture
shall mail a ballot and copy of this Act and a self addressed
stamped envelope, within 30 days after the effective date
of this Act, to each producer required to pay the tax, whose
name appears on a list certified to him to be accurate, according
to available information, by the Division of Inspections.

The question on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax be levied and imposed on all certified handlers
or dealers at the rate of .8 of 1% of the average Class 1
price per hundredweight, rounded to the nearest 10th of
1%, paid to Maine milk producers by Maine milk dealers
for milk of 3.5% butterfat content during the previous
calendar year on all milk produced or imported for sale
within this State, except milk consumed on the farm where
produced?"

Yes

No

I hereby certify that I am a producer of milk in Maine.

If this farm is a partnership or incorporated, I am authorized to cast this ballot in behalf of that partnership or corporation.

signature of producer

signature of witness

The commissioner shall review the returns received by him within 50 days after the date of mailing the ballots to producers and certify to the State Tax Assessor the results of the election.

If a majority of those producers voting approve the provision section 3 of this Act which repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4505, the Act shall take effect on January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the effective date provision and replace it with a referendum provision providing that milk dealers approve the tax before it becomes effective.