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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-647)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1115, L.D. 1244, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Tree Growth
Tax Law."

Amend the amendment by inserting at the end the
following:

'Sec. 17. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at
special statewide election; effective date.'

Section 16 of 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 plan-
tations 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 a severance tax to be used for the reimbursement of
municipalities for their losses under the Tree Growth Law be
levied on landowners who harvest more than 500 cords of timber
in any year?"

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 word "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 Section 16 of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and that section shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act or of section 16 thereof necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a referendum provision for the severance tax portion of the bill.