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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-981) 109TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "\$\mathcal{B}\$" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 827, L.D. 2037, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Implementation of the Settlement of Claims by Indians in the State of Maine and to Create the Passamaquoddy Indian Territory and Penobscot Indian Territory."

/mend the Amendment by inserting at the end before
the fiscal note the following:

'Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end of section 31, before the period, the following:

', and in no event shall this Act become effective unless approved pursuant to section 32'

before the statement of fact Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end/the following:

Sec. 32. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question.

This Act shall be submitted to

the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held on June 10, 1980, 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 plantations 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:

HOUSE AMENDMENT " ${\cal B}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 827, L.D. 2037

"Shall the settlement of claims by Indians in the State of Maine of the and the creation/ Passamaquoddy Indian territory and Penobscot Indian territory be implemented?"

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 words "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 the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective immediately upon compliance with section 31 of this Act.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this

Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add a statutory referendum procedure provision to the bill.

Filed by Mr. Norris of Brewer Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House 4/2/80 (Filing No. H-981)