

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 990

S. P. 347

In Senate, February 25, 1981

On Motion of Senator Trotzky of Penobscot, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

Cosponsors: Senator Violette of Aroostook, Representative J. Martin of Eagle Lake and Representative McKean of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT Proposing an Advisory Referendum Concerning the Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Project.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Special advisory referendum on the Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Power Development Project.** The Secretary of State shall, at the statewide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1982, hold a special advisory referendum to determine the sentiment of the people on the Water Resources Development Project, Saint John River Basin, Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes, Maine, U.S.A. and Quebec, Canada, as proposed by the United States Army, Corps of Engineers, and as authorized by the United States Flood Control Act of 1965, P.L. 89-298.

**Sec. 2. Advisory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; gubernatorial proclamation of results.** This advisory referendum shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 1982. 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 give their opinion on this question by voting on the following:

“Shall the Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Power Development Project, as proposed by the United States Army, Corps of Engineers, be constructed?”

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 shall proclaim, without delay, the total number of ballots in favor of and opposed to the construction of the Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Power Development Project, as proposed by the United States Army, Corps of Engineers.

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 advisory referendum.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill proposes an advisory referendum in November 1982 to determine the feelings of the people of Maine on construction of the proposed Dickey-Lincoln Hydroelectric Power Development Project, as proposed by the United States Army, Corps of Engineers.