

L.D.	505

2	STATE OF MAINE
3	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-28)
4	111TH LEGISLATURE
5	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
6	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 422,
7	L.D. 505, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Mexico Water
8	District Charter."
9 10	Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:
11	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
12	lature do not become effective until 90 days after
13	adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
14	Whereas, it would be most inexpensive and conven-
15	ient for the voters of Mexico to consider this Act at
16	their annual town meeting in March; and
17	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
18	these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
19	the Constitution of Maine and require the following
20	legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
21	vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
22	therefore'
23 24	Further amend the bill by inserting before the Statement of Fact the following:
25	'Sec. 5. Referendum; effective date; certificate
26	to Secretary of State. This Act shall be submitted
27	to the legal voters of the Town of Mexico at any
28	regular town meeting or at any special town meeting
29	called and held for the purpose on or before August
30	31, 1983. That special town meeting shall be called,
31	advertised and conducted according to the law relat-
32	ing to municipal elections, provided that the select-
33	men of the town shall not be required to prepare for
34	posting nor the town clerk to post a new list of
35	voters. For the purpose of registration of voters,
36	the registrar of voters shall be in session on the
37	secular day next preceding the special election.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 422, L.D. 505

1 The town clerk of the town shall prepare the re-2 quired ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject 3 matter of this Act to the following question:

4 "Shall the Mexico Water District Charter be 5 revised?"

6 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check 7 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their 8 opinion of the same.

9 This Act shall take effect for all purposes on 10 September 1, 1983, provided it is accepted by a 11 majority of the legal voters voting at the election; 12 and further provided that the total number of votes 13 cast for and against the acceptance of this Act 14 equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all can-15 didates for Governor cast in Mexico at the next pre-16 vious gubernatorial election.

17 The result of the vote shall be declared by the 18 municipal officers of the Town of Mexico and due cer-19 tificate thereof shall be filed by the Town Clerk 20 with the Secretary of State.

21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited 22 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect only for 23 the purposes of section 5 when approved.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a local referendum. It also adds an emergency preamble and clause to allow the referendum to take place at the March town meeting. The effective date, if passed, will be September 1st to allow for an orderly transition to the new charter requirements.

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