

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 661

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7 S.P. 224

In Senate, February 9, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to  
9 Joint Rule 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Charette of Androscoggin.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Permit the Petition of Local  
18 Referendum by the State Liquor Commission.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 28 M.R.S.A. §101, as amended by PL 1979, c. 358, §1,  
23 is further amended by adding at the end a new para-  
24 graph to read:

25 In a municipality where the State Liquor Commis-  
26 sion operates a state liquor store in which the  
27 inhabitants of that municipality have not previously  
28 voted upon the question in subsection 5, the State  
29 Liquor Commission may request that that municipality  
30 vote upon the question in subsection 5. Upon the  
31 receipt of a letter signed by the State Liquor Com-  
32 mission, the municipal officers shall proceed by the  
33 procedure established in this section. No subsequent  
34 vote may be taken on the question in subsection 5,

1 except by petition of the inhabitants of the municipi-  
2 pality.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 There are no municipalities in which the State  
5 Liquor Commission operates State Liquor Stores that  
6 have ever had the opportunity to vote upon the ques-  
7 tion in Title 28, section 101, subsection 5. Accord-  
8 ingly, all state liquor stores must remain closed on  
9 Sunday, including the Kittery store. Enactment of  
10 this bill would, at the written request of the State  
11 Liquor Commission, allow that question to be voted  
12 upon by the voters of that particular municipality.  
13 That vote could be accomplished only once. All  
14 subsequent votes would be by the petition process  
15 only.

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