

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. 1163

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7 S.P. 378

In Senate, March 10, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on State Government, sent down for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot.
Cosponsor: Representative Bost of Orono.

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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 Concerning Referenda and Bond
18 Issue Questions.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 21 MRSA §702-A is enacted to read:

23 §702-A. Referenda questions; bond issue ratifi-
24 cation; form of question

25 Whenever a referendum question appears on the
26 ballot or whenever ratification by the electors of
27 the State is essential to the validity of bonds to be
28 issued on behalf of the State pursuant to the Consti-
29 tution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, each issue
30 to be voted upon or each individual project to be
31 financed by the issuance of bonds shall be submitted
32 to the electors in a separate question. Two or more
33 issues or projects may be combined in a single ques-

1 tion for submission to the electors only if they are
2 so closely related to each other that one cannot be
3 enacted or financed without the other or, in the case
4 of bonds, if they are similar projects in different
5 locations.

6 Questions submitted to the voters under this
7 section shall be worded in an affirmative manner and
8 shall be written as simply and clearly as possible.
9 The Secretary of State shall review all questions
10 submitted to the voters under this section and, if
11 any question is not written in compliance with this
12 section, he shall rewrite the question before submit-
13 ting it to the voters.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purpose of this bill is to limit the combin-
16 ing of referenda issues and bond issue projects. The
17 bill also requires that referenda or bond issue ques-
18 tions be written in an affirmative manner and be as
19 simple and clear as possible.

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