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1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5 <b>6</b>	Legislative Document No. 1301
7 8 9	H.P. 991 House of Representatives, March 24, 1983 Referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Rolde of York.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19 20 21	AN ACT to Clarify Proposed Constitutional and Statewide Referenda Questions which Appear on State Ballots.
22 23	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
24	21 MRSA §702-A is enacted to read:
25 26	§702-A. Ballots for constitutional amendments and referenda
27 28 29 30 31 32 33	Ballots for any constitutional amendment and statewide referendum shall set out the question to be voted on in clear, concise and direct language and shall contain, below the question, a statement of fact explaining the intent of the amendment or referendum proposal and a fiscal note setting out the fiscal impact of passage of the amendment or referendum proposal.

The statement of fact accompanying a constitutional amendment or a referendum proposal shall be drafted by the Director of the Office of Legislative Research. The fiscal note describing the fiscal impact of any of these measures shall be prepared by the Legislative Finance Officer in the Office of Legislative Finance.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to help insure that voters are fully informed when they vote on proposed constitutional amendments and statewide referenda issues.

The bill requires that the questions to appear on the ballot are written so that they can easily be understood and would also require that the ballot contain a statement of intent and a fiscal note on the proposed change.

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