

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. 1371

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7 S.P. 450

In Senate, March 29, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down
9 for concurrence and ordered printed.

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

11 Presented by Senator Wood of York.

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 Further Clarify the Right
18 of Citizens to Petition for
19 Special Town Meetings.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 30 MRSA §2053, as amended by PL 1973, c. 536, §5,
24 is further amended to read:

25 §2053. Petition for article in warrant

26 On the written petition of a number of voters
27 equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in
28 the town at the last gubernatorial election, but in
29 no case less than 10, the municipal officers shall
30 either insert a particular article in the next
31 warrant issued or shall within 60 days call a special
32 town meeting for its consideration. If any written
33 petition submitted to the municipal officers contains
34 twice the number of signatures required for submis-

1 sion of an article and if the petition specifically
2 requests a special town meeting, the municipal offi-
3 cers shall within 60 days call a special town meeting
4 for its consideration.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to provide that
7 municipal residents can by petition require that a
8 special town meeting be called to consider any arti-
9 cle submitted by the residents in the petition.

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