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1 L.D. 2236 2 (Filing No. H- 712) 3 STATE OF MAINE 4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5 111TH LEGISLATURE 6 SECOND REGULAR SESSION HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to SENATE AMENDMENT "A" 7 S.P. 835, L.D. 2236, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$3. 55." 8 9 Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 10 11 3rd paragraph after the title and inserting in its 12 place the following: 13 'Sec. 2 Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general election; form of question; effective 14 15 date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal vot-16 ers of the State of Maine at the next general elec-17 tion in the month of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and 18 19 20 21 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law 22 for holding a statewide election, to vote on the ac-23 ceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the 24 following question: 25 "Shall the minimum wage rate be increased from \$3.35 per hour to \$3.55 per hour to be effective 26 27 on January 1, 1985?" legal 28 The voters of each city, town plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and 29 30 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word 31 "Yes" or "No." 32 The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, 33 town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary 34 35 of State in the same manner as votes for members of 36 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-

turns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal

votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall

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- 1 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective on January 1, 1985.
- The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment places the proposal to increase the minimum wage in the hands of the electorate. According to this amendment, the public will decide at the general election in November, 1984, whether the minimum wage will be increased to \$3.55 per hour. If the electorate approves the increase, it would become effective on January 1, 1985.

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