

## L.D. 2336

(Filing No. H-571)

3 STATE OF MAINE 4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5 111TH LEGISLATURE 6 SECOND REGULAR SESSION 7 HOUSE AMENDMENT " $\beta$ " to H.P. 1769, L.D. 2336, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Funding of the Depart-ment of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife." 8 9 10 Amend the bill by striking out all of Part P and 11 inserting in its place the following: 'Part P 12 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §131 is amended by adding at the 13 end a new paragraph to read: 14 15 The Treasurer of the State shall credit to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fund 6/10 16 of 1% of the money paid to the State from collection 17 of the 5% sales and use taxes. 18 Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submis-19 sion at general election; form of question; effective 20 date. This Part shall be submitted to the legal vot-21 22 ers of the State at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation as-23 24 25 sessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of 26 their respective cities, towns and plantations to 27 meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a 28 statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or re-29 jection of this Act by voting on the following gues-30 tion: "Shall the laws of the State be amended to pro-31 vide that 6/10 of 1% of the 5% sales and use 32 33 taxes collected by the State shall be dedicated and credited to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 34 Fund?" 35 36 The legal voters of each city, town and

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plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and 1 2 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and 3 4 5 6 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary 7 of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-8 9 turns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the part the Governor shall 10 proclaim that fact without delay and the part shall 11 become effective 30 days after the date of the proc-12 lamation. 13

14 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish 15 to each city, town and plantation all ballots, re-16 turns and copies of this part necessary to carry out 17 the purpose of this referendum.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this amendment is to replace the 20 advisory referendum with a binding statutory referen-21 dum.

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