

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 324

H.P. 251 House of Representatives, February 10, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock,
Representatives LOOK of Jonesboro and SOUCY of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Concerning the Wording of Initiative
2 and People's Veto Referendum
3 Questions.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 21-A MRSA §906, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
8 161, §6, is amended to read:

9 6. Wording of ballots for people's veto and ini-
10 tiative referenda. Ballots for a statewide vote on
11 people's veto and initiative questions must set out
12 the question to be voted on in clear, concise and di-
13 rect language. The Secretary of State, by rules
14 adopted under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,
15 Title 5, chapter 375, shall establish a method for
16 drafting ballot questions which will attain that

1 standard of readability. For purposes of this sub-
2 section, "direct" means that the answer "Yes" to the
3 question will be a vote to maintain or establish a
4 program or principle and the answer "No" to the ques-
5 tion will be a vote to repeal or oppose the estab-
6 lishment of a program or principle.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to provide greater
9 clarity in the wording of people's veto and initia-
10 tive referenda by requiring the Secretary of State to
11 word the question so that a "Yes" vote will maintain
12 or establish a program or principle and a "No" vote
13 will repeal or oppose a program or principle.

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Bill No. 1111
1981
STATE OF MICHIGAN
LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
REPORT
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1111
AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORDING OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM QUESTIONS
AND PEOPLE'S VETO REFERENDUM QUESTIONS
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