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L.D. 556

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 413, L.D. 556, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

Sec. 6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday 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 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Shall it become unlawful to discriminate against any individual in employment, housing, public accommodation or credit based on that person's sexual orientation?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal voters are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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1 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
2 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
3 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds a referendum to the bill.

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