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H.P. 108

House of Representatives, January 22, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George and Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Authorize Residents of Municipalities to Amend Proposed Ordinances at Town Meetings.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

30-A MRSA §3002, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

3. Question. The subject matter of the proposed ordinance shall must be reduced to the question: "Shall an ordinance entitled ' ' be enacted?" and shall be submitted to the town meeting for action either as an article in the warrant or a question on a secret ballot. Nothing in this Title may be construed to prohibit residents at a town meeting from amending an article on a warrant or an ordinance proposed for approval by the voters at a town meeting. To amend an article or a proposed ordinance:

A. The amendment must be submitted in writing to the municipal clerk at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the town meeting;

B. The person proposing the amendment must provide for a sufficient number of copies of the amendment to be circulated at the town meeting for voter consideration; and

C. The amendment must be clearly related to the ordinance or the article on the warrant, as determined by the moderator.

Amendments proposing to expend local tax revenues for goods or services entirely different from those proposed in articles on warrants may not be considered or presented to the voters at town meetings.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3002, subsection 3, to make it clear that residents at a town meeting have the authority to amend a proposed ordinance and are not limited to voting for or against a proposed ordinance.