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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 175, L.D. 430, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination"

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

**Sec. 6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers 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 the Maine Human Rights Act be amended by providing a protected class for 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 must 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 votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

