

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 508

S.P. 199

In Senate, February 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOULD of Waldo  
Cosponsored by Representative SWAZEY of Bucksport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Coal-fired Plant for Electrical  
Energy Production.**

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

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**Sec. 1. Special advisory referendum on the establishment of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day.** The Secretary of State shall, at a special statewide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act, hold a special advisory referendum to determine the sentiment of the people on the establishment of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day.

**Sec. 2. Advisory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election.** This advisory referendum shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special 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 give their opinion on this question by voting on the following:

"Do you favor the establishment in this State of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day?"

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 shall proclaim, without delay, the total number of ballots in favor of and opposed to the establishment of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day.

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

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold a special advisory referendum at the next special statewide election to determine whether the voters of the State favor the establishment of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day.