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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 THERIAULT of Aroostook

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representative MARTIN of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide Greater Local Review of Proposed Low-Level
Radioactive Waste Sites.**



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

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4 38 MRSA §1527, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 530, §4, is amended to read:

6 3. **Local participation in siting decision.** Within 60 days
8 of the final selection by the authority of the low-level waste
10 disposal facility site, the governing body of the municipality
12 where the facility is to be located, or the Secretary of State in
14 the case of an unorganized township, shall hold an election for
16 the purpose of approving the site. The question at election must be submitted to the legal voters who reside within a 12-mile radius of the proposed site. Unless 60% of the voters casting ballots in the election approve of the authority's site location decision, the authority shall may not locate the facility within the municipality or territory.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill requires that before a low-level radioactive waste
24 disposal facility site may be finalized, 60% of the voters residing within a 12-mile radius of the proposed site must approve its location.