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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 407, L.D. 1083, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Voter Participation in the Siting of Both Storage and Disposal of Radioactive Waste"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

3. Local participation in siting decision. Within 60 days of the final selection by the authority of the a low-level waste disposal facility site, ~~the governing body of the municipality where the facility is to be located, or the Secretary of State in the case of an unorganized township,~~ or a low-level waste storage facility site, each municipality and township located entirely or partially within a 10-mile radius of the proposed site shall hold an election for the purpose of approving the site. The Secretary of State shall hold elections for each unorganized township. Unless 60% or more of the voters casting ballots in the election each township and municipality approve of the authority's site location decision, the authority shall may not locate the facility within the municipality or territory. If the area within the 10-mile radius is entirely within an unpopulated unorganized territory, approval of at least 60% of the voters residing in the nearest populated township or municipality is required.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the committee amendment that required local approval for the siting or continued operation of a low-level radioactive waste storage facility only after January 1, 2001. On-site temporary storage of low-level radioactive waste is permitted by state law, subject to appropriate licensing by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, only until the year 2001.

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