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STATE OF MAINE
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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 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 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, shall hold an election for the purpose of approving the 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. After January 1, 2001, the authority may not site a low-level radioactive waste storage facility, or continue to operate any previously sited low-level radioactive waste storage facility, without the approval of at least 60% of the voters of the host municipality or township.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires voter approval of selected low-level radioactive waste disposal sites after January 1, 2001. There is an undetermined future cost to the Department of the Secretary of State of holding elections; the cost of which will depend upon the sites selected. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1534, subsection 2, these costs will be paid from the Low-level Radioactive Waste Facility Fund.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority from siting or from continuing to operate a previously sited low-level radioactive waste storage facility after January 1, 2001 without the approval of at least 60% of the voters of the host municipality or township.

Reported by Senator Titcomb for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.
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