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Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative HOLT of Bath and Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ensure Voter Participation in the Siting of Both Storage and Disposal of Radioactive Waste.

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

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

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3. Local participation in siting decision. Within 60 days of the final selection by the authority of the <u>a</u> low-level waste disposal facility site <u>or a low-level waste storage facility</u> <u>site</u>, 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. If the authority selects an unorganized township that is uninhabited as the site for a low-level waste disposal or waste storage facility, the voters must be those individuals who reside in the unorganized territories and

16 <u>municipalities that are contiguous with the selected site.</u> Unless 60% <u>or more</u> of the voters casting ballots in the election 18 approve of the authority's site location decision, the authority shall <u>may</u> not locate the facility within the municipality or 20 territory.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires any low-level radioactive waste disposal or storage site selected by the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to receive the approval of at least 60% of the voters of the municipality in which the site is intended to be located. The bill also requires that, if the authority selects an uninhabited, unorganized territory as the site for either the low-level radioactive waste disposal or storage facility, the site must receive the approval of at least 60% of the voters in the abutting territories and municipalities.

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