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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Authorizing an Advisory Referendum on Whether the Congress
of the United States Should Establish a National Health Insurance
Program.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

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4 **Sec. 1. Advisory referendum on whether the Congress of the United**
6 **States should establish a national health insurance program.** The
8 Secretary of State shall, at the next general election in the
10 month of November following passage of this Act, hold an advisory
12 referendum to determine the sentiment of the people on whether
14 the Congress of the United States should establish a national
16 health insurance program.

18 **Sec. 2. Advisory referendum procedure; submission at general**
20 **election.** This advisory referendum must be submitted to the legal
22 voters of the State of Maine at the next general election in the
24 month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal
26 officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
28 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner
30 prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to give their
32 opinion on this question by voting on the following:

34 "Do you favor the passage of national legislation that would
36 establish a comprehensive and affordable health insurance
38 system for all Americans?"

40 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
42 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
44 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
46 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
48 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
50 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
52 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 Congress of the United
States establishing a national health insurance program.

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.

If the results are in favor of the program, the Governor
shall inform the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation
and use the Governor's best efforts to see that the Congress of
the United States establish a national health insurance program.

46 STATEMENT OF FACT

48 This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold an advisory
50 referendum at the next general election to determine whether the
52 voters of the State favor the Congress of the United States
establishing a national health insurance program.