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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "H" to S.P. 92, L.D. 246, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**'Sec. 6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor the enactment of 'An Act to Prevent Discrimination'?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

2 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 referendum.

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The estimated cost of sending this Act out to referendum  
will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted  
10 during the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. The  
estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda  
12 are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an  
additional \$7,000.

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16 If approved by the voters, the Maine Human Rights Commission  
would incur some minor additional costs to investigate complaints  
involving discrimination due to sexual orientation. These costs  
18 could be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted  
resources.

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22 The additional workload and administrative costs associated  
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system  
could be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
24 Department.'

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28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This amendment adds a referendum clause to the bill,  
requiring a statewide vote in November on whether the bill should  
become law. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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34 (Senator BUTLAND)

36 SPONSORED BY: Anthony H. Butland

38 COUNTY: Cumberland

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