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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "L" to S.P. 117, L.D. 318, Bill, "An Act to Protect Reproductive Privacy in Maine"

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

**Sec. 5. 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 a law declaring that the State may not restrict a woman's exercise of her private decision to terminate a pregnancy before viability or after viability when necessary to protect the mother's life or health?"

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..

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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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**FISCAL NOTE**

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

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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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.

Filed by Rep. Coffman of Old Town  
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