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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 604, L.D. 819, Bill, "An Act to Ensure a Woman's Right to Know"

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

**Sec. 4. 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 that will impose a 24-hour waiting period before a woman may receive an abortion and that will expand the type of information a doctor is required to provide to a woman seeking an abortion?"

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.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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2 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
4 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
6 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

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

20 If approved by the voters, this department will require  
22 additional General Fund appropriations. The amounts can not be  
24 determined at this time.

26 New Class D and E crimes also would be established.  
28 Sentences imposed for Class D offenses must be served in a county  
30 jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class D crime is  
\$7,439 based upon an average length of stay of 119 days. The  
additional costs to the counties for the housing of each offender  
sentenced under this new crime will not require reimbursement by  
the State. Sentences imposed for Class E offenses must be served  
in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class E  
crime is \$4,188 based upon an average length of stay of 67 days.  
The additional costs to the counties for the housing of each  
offender sentenced under this new crime will not require  
reimbursement by the State.

32 The additional workload and administrative costs associated  
34 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system  
36 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase  
General Fund revenues by a minor amount.'

38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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

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