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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 605,
L.D. 820, Bill, "An Act to Ensure a Parent's Right to Know"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

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

**Sec. 7. 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 requiring that at least
one parent of a pregnant minor be notified before the minor
has 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

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2 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30
 days after the date of the proclamation.

4 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
6 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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STATEMENT OF FACT

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12 This amendment strikes the advisory referendum required by
14 Committee Amendment "A" and adds a referendum clause to the bill,
 requiring a statewide vote in November on whether the bill should
 become law.

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