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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 77, L.D. 113, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide a Method for Citizen-initiated Recall of Persons Holding Elective Civil Offices"

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 5-A." by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 7 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Section 5-A. Removal by recall. Every person holding an elective state or county office is subject to recall and discharge by the legal voters of the State or of the political subdivision of the State from which that person was elected pursuant to the following procedures.'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 5-A." in the 2nd paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "preceding gubernatorial election" and inserting in its place the following: 'last election for the office subject to recall'

Further amend the resolution by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one

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2 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

4 If approved by the voters, this resolution may also increase
6 future costs to the Department of the Secretary of State. These
future costs will depend on the size of the election required to
8 replace an elected official and whether an enlarged ballot is
required to accommodate the required additional wording.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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14 This amendment is the minority report. This amendment
provides for recall of elected county officials, as well as state
16 officials. The amendment also clarifies the number of signatures
needed to initiate a recall proceeding and adds a fiscal note to
the resolution.

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