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House of Representatives, March 2, 1995

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Gubernatorial Appointment of the Attorney General.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed: 4 Constitution, Art. IX, §11 is repealed and the following enacted in its place: 6 R Section 11. Attorney General. The Attorney General is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority 10 of the membership of the Senate and a majority of the membership of the House of Representatives. 12 ; and be it further 14 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective 16 That the municipal officers of this State shall date. Resolved: 18 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday 20 following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment 2.2 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question: 24 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide for the appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor?" 26 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall 28 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a 30 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 32 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review 34 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim 36 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further 38 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: 40 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution 42 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum. 44 STATEMENT OF FACT 46 This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide 48 for the appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor with confirmation by a majority of the Senate and the House of 50

Representatives.