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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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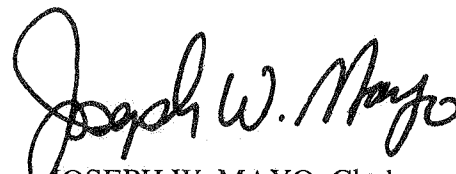
H.P. 706

House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

**An Act to Put to Referendum the Option of Authorizing a Tribe-owned  
Casino.**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.  
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and  
Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, DRISCOLL of Calais, GOODWIN of Pembroke,  
POULIN of Oakland, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, VIGUE of Winslow.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §348 is enacted to read:

6       §348. Tribe-owned casino

8       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor  
10 shall conduct good faith negotiations with the Passamaquoddy  
12 Tribe on behalf of the State to enter into a tribal-state compact  
14 governing the conduct of electronic and table games of chance on  
any Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation land. Upon taking effect a  
tribal-state compact with the Passamaquoddy Tribe has the force  
and effect of law and is the license of the tribe as that term is  
used in Title 17-A, section 951.

16       Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide  
18 election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted  
20 to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election  
22 held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November  
24 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:

26               "Do you favor requiring the Governor to negotiate a compact  
28               with the Passamaquoddy Tribe to authorize operation of a  
              casino on the Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation?"

30       The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
32 vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice  
34 by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
36 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received,  
38 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation  
40 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 upon  
the date of the proclamation.

42       The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
44 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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## SUMMARY

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6       Subject to public referendum, this bill requires the  
6 Governor to negotiate a compact with the Passamaquoddy Tribe  
8 regarding the operation of electronic and table games of chance  
8 on Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation lands.