

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

M
R. of S.

L.D. 1917

DATE: February 4, 1998

(Filing No. S- 451)

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Reported by:

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 686, L.D. 1917, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3-A in the last paragraph by adding at the end the following new sentence: 'Before the ballot question is drafted by the Secretary of State, written consent to the final language of the proposed law must be given by the applicant.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'4. Ballot question. The ballot question for an initiative or a people's veto referendum must be drafted by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 906 and rules adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The Secretary of State shall provide the ballot question to the applicant for a people's veto referendum within 10 business days after receipt of a properly completed application. The Secretary of State shall provide the ballot question to the applicant for an initiative within 10 business days after the applicant has submitted to the Secretary of State written consent to the final language of the proposed law. The question must be conspicuously displayed on the face of the petition.'

F. O. S.
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 686, L.D. 1917

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

4 **FISCAL NOTE**

6 The Department of the Secretary of State will incur some
minor additional costs to monitor the combining of a referendum
8 ballot with a state candidate election ballot or municipal
election ballot. These costs can be absorbed within the
10 department's existing budgeted resources.'

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment clarifies the procedure for submitting an
16 application for a citizen's initiative to include submission of
written consent to the final language of the proposed law. This
18 amendment also clarifies that written consent to the final
language is needed for a citizen's initiative but not for a
20 people's veto referendum.

22 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.