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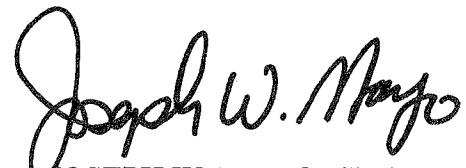
No. 2082

H.P. 1483

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Improve the Integrity of the Citizen Initiative Process.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §903-A, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by PL 1993,
4 c. 695, §35 and affected by §38, are amended to read:

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1. Filing. Filing of petitions in accordance with the
deadlines specified in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV,
8 Part Third, Section 18 must be completed within ~~3-years~~ one year
of the date of issuance under this chapter.

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2. Invalid petition. Petitions not filed in accordance
12 with the deadlines specified in the Constitution of Maine,
Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 within ~~3-years~~ one year of the
14 date of issuance under this chapter are invalid for circulation.

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SUMMARY

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The bill changes the time period for submission of a direct
20 initiative and the validity of the application for a direct
initiative from 3 years to one year, to correspond to the time
22 for validity of petition signatures set forth in the Constitution
of Maine.