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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *A* " to S.P. 857, L.D. 2270, "Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition for People's Veto"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Art. IV, Part Third, §17, sub-§1" in subsection 1 (page 1, lines 5 to 24 in resolution)

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Art. IV, Part Third, §17, sub-§3" in subsection 3 in the 7th line (page 1, line 34 in resolution) by striking out the following: "or general election, whichever comes first," and inserting in its place the following: 'election held in November that occurs'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Art. IV, Part Third, §17, sub-§3" in subsection 3 in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 40 in resolution) by striking out the following: "the next statewide or general" and inserting in its place the following: '~~the-next-statewide~~ that'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Art. IV, Part Third, §17, sub-§3" in subsection 3 in the next to last line (page 1, line 42 in resolution) by striking out the following: "such an election" and inserting in its place the following: '~~such-an~~ that election'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitutional referendum procedure;" by striking out all of the question (page 2, lines 8 to 11 in resolution) and inserting in its place the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 '"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require
4 that a petition for a people's veto be voted on at the next
6 statewide election held in November, rather than at a
 special election ?"'

8 Further amend the resolution by inserting at the end before
 the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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14 The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to
16 referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda
18 enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 118th
 Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The
 estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda
 are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an
 additional \$7,000.

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22 If approved by the voters, this resolution may reduce costs
24 to the Department of the Secretary of State by avoiding special
 elections in the event of a petition for a people's veto.'

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SUMMARY

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30 This amendment provides that an election on a people's veto
32 must be held at a November statewide election, rather than
34 allowing the election to occur at any statewide or general
 election. If fewer than 60 days remain between the date of the
 Governor's proclamation of referral to the voters and the
 immediate next November election, the election must be held
 during the following November election.