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H.P. 41

House of Representatives, January 7, 1999

An Act to Clarify Referendum Wording.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §906, sub-§6, ¶C,** as repealed and replaced
by PL 1993, c. 352, §3, is amended to read:

6 C. The question must be phrased so that an affirmative vote
8 is in favor of the people's-veto-or-direct-initiative issue
or subject of the question rather than the position of the
10 petitioner.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires that the wording of referenda is phrased
16 so that an affirmative vote is in favor of the subject or issue
in question rather than in favor of the petitioner's position.