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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 214,
L.D. 292, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the Payment Options for Certain Employers"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after section 8 the 20 following:

22 'Sec. 9. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general election in the month of November 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:

32 "Do you favor repealing the current state law that requires some employers to pay their employees every week and replacing it with a law that requires all employers to pay their employees at least twice a month?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall 38 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, 40 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 42 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review 44 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 46 fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
 consecutively.

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

The estimated cost of sending this proposed legislation out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 119th 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.

## SUMMARY

24 This amendment requires that the proposed law be sent to referendum at the next general election to be held in November 26 2000.

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