

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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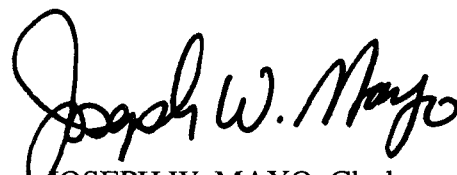
H.P. 1489

House of Representatives, March 31, 1999

**An Act to Allow the Direct Submission to Voters of Municipal Charter Revisions.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2104, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1989, c.  
104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2104, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

8 **4-A. Direct submission to voters.** Nothing in this section  
9 may be construed to require the submission of a petition by  
10 voters, in accordance with subsections 2 and 3, to be treated as  
11 a request for a charter commission unless specifically requested  
12 in the petition. A proposed amendment to the municipal charter  
13 filed in accordance with subsections 2, 3 and 5 must be placed on  
14 the ballot in accordance with subsection 2.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows the submission of a petition for a  
21 municipal charter revision directly to the voters in that  
22 municipality, without the creation of a charter commission, if  
23 specifically requested by the petitioners. A petition submitted  
24 in this manner still must meet certain requirements, such as a  
determination of sufficiency and a public hearing.