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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1514, L.D. 2162, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote"

Amend the resolution (page 1, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday" and inserting in its place the following: 'general election, at the next general election in the month'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 43 to 45 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness to vote?" '

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

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this constitutional amendment out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the Second 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 \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the question asked by the constitutional referendum so that it is not posed in the negative. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.