

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1514

House of Representatives, April 7, 1999

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, KANE of Saco, MURPHY of Kennebunk, ROWE of
Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator:
PINGREE of Knox.

2 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
4 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
6 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
8 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

10 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
12 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.
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16 SUMMARY

18 This Constitutional Resolution proposes, upon approval at
referendum, to remove the current restriction that prohibits
20 persons with a mental illness from voting.