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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 770, L.D. 2168, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

Sec. 6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday 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:

"Do you favor increasing the salaries of Legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall 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, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review 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 fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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

6 FISCAL NOTE

8 This amendment makes the provisions of the bill subject to
10 approval by the voters. The estimated cost of sending this
12 legislation out to referendum will vary according to the total
number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of
14 the 119th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November
1999. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6
16 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum
costs an additional \$7,000.

18 SUMMARY

20 This amendment makes the provisions of the bill subject to
22 approval by the voters at referendum in November 1999.

24 SPONSORED BY: Royce W. Perkins
26 (Representative PERKINS)

28 TOWN: Penobscot

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