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H.P. 294

House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

An Act to Clarify Municipal Authority Over Cable Television Franchises.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRABTREE of Hope, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, LOVETT of Scarborough, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERKINS of Penobscot, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

6 7. **Municipal initiative petitions and referenda.** This
8 section may not be construed to prohibit citizens of a
10 municipality from initiating ordinances pertaining to cable
12 television franchises or from invoking the municipal referendum
14 process with respect to decisions and ordinances adopted by the
16 municipal officers concerning cable television franchises.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill makes clear that the authority of municipal
18 officers with respect to the enactment of cable television
ordinances and the granting or denial of a cable television
franchise is subject to the citizens' rights to invoke the
municipality's initiative and referendum processes.