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House of Representatives, April 5, 2001

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a 2/3 Vote for the Maine Government Facilities Authority to Issue Securities.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and

Representatives: KASPRZAK of Newport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

2 **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each
branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

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Constitution, Art. IX, §14-E is enacted to read:

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8 **Section 14-E. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.** The
Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may not issue securities
to fund the construction, reconstruction, purchase or acquisition
10 of facilities used primarily by the State, any agency,
instrumentality or department of the State or by any branch of
12 State Government without a 2/3 vote of approval of each House of
the Legislature.

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Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective
date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall
20 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
22 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
following the first Monday of November following the passage of
24 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

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 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require
a 2/3 vote of approval of each House of the Legislature
prior to the issuance of securities by the Maine
30 Governmental Facilities Authority to fund the construction,
reconstruction, purchase or acquisition of facilities used
32 primarily by the State, any agency, instrumentality or
department of the State or by any branch of State
34 Government?"

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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 the 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 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

