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An Act To Ensure That Direct Initiatives Have Local Support

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

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Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CURLEY of Scarborough, Senators:
ANDREWS of York, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §901, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

6 8. Time limit. The Secretary of State may not accept an
8 application for a petition under this section that addresses the
10 same issue as a petition that was verified and certified under
12 section 902 as a ballot question and considered by the voters in
14 a general or statewide election within the previous 5 years.

16 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §903-A, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1989, c.
18 92, §1, is amended to read:

20 ~~Petitions~~ A petition issued under this chapter may be
22 circulated only by ~~any-registered~~ a voter registered in the State.

24 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1064** is enacted to read:

26 **§1064. Out-of-state contributions**

28 A political action committee in a campaign on a ballot
30 question under chapter 11 may not receive contributions from
32 contributors outside of the State.

34 SUMMARY

36 This bill:

38 1. Allows a petition on an initiated ballot question to be
submitted only once every 5 years;

2. Clarifies that only registered Maine voters may collect
signatures for an initiated petition on a ballot question; and

3. Prohibits political action committees from accepting
out-of-state contributions for campaigns on initiated ballot
questions.