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H.P. 375

House of Representatives, February 12, 2009

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Reduce the Number of Signatures Required and Prohibit
Payment for Signatures in the Citizen's Initiative Process**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Kittery. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.

1 made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the
2 Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of
3 the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that
4 fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on
5 the date of the proclamation; and be it further

6 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of
7 State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns
8 and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the
11 number of required signatures on a direct initiative petition from 10% to 3% of the
12 total vote cast in the previous gubernatorial election. In addition, this resolution
13 prohibits circulators of direct initiative petitions from receiving payment or
14 compensation for the collection of signatures.

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