

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Date: 2/24/16

Majority

(Filing No. H-526)

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 532, L.D. 783, "RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of section 25 (page 1, lines 5 to 9 in L.D.)  
and inserting the following:

**'Section 25. Right to food freedom and food self-sufficiency. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume the food of their own choosing, for their own nourishment and sustenance, by hunting, gathering, foraging, farming, fishing, gardening and saving and exchanging seeds, as long as no individual commits trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the acquisition of food. Furthermore, all individuals have a right to barter, trade and purchase food from the sources of their own choosing for their own bodily health and well-being. Every individual is fully responsible for the exercise of these rights, which may not be infringed.'**

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment and sustenance and to barter, trade and purchase food from the sources of their own choosing for their own bodily health and well-being?" '

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the language in the constitutional resolution to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume food of their own choosing for their own nourishment and sustenance and to

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1 barter, trade and purchase food for their own bodily health and well-being. This  
2 amendment also strikes and replaces the question that will be presented to the voters.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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LD 783

LR 1765(02)

## RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-526)  
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-16	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.