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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 575, L.D. 795, Bill, "An Act To Require the Text of a Direct Initiative To Be Printed on the Ballot"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve Voter Access to Information Regarding Referendum Questions on the Ballot'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §651, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 342, §22, is amended to read:

B. Outside the guardrail enclosure at each voting place:

- (1) At least one voting instruction poster prepared under section 605-A;
- (2) One set of sample ballots for each ballot style being used in that voting place;
- (3) A list of any declared write-in candidates for that voting district, with the office sought, next to the sample ballots;
- (4) One voting rights poster or notice prepared under section 605-A;
- (5) One election penalty poster or notice prepared under section 605-A;
- (6) One Treasurer's Statement prepared under Title 5, section 152;
- (7) One copy, or more as determined necessary by the clerk, of the citizen's guide to the referendum election prepared under section 605-A, The clerk shall post, in a conspicuous and public area, a notification indicating that the citizen's guide provides helpful information regarding referendum questions on the ballot and where the guide is located in the voting place for voters to read; and
- (8) One copy of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review's estimate of the fiscal impact prepared under Title 1, section 353.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the election clerk to post a conspicuous notice in the voting place indicating that the citizen's guide to the referendum election is available for voters to read and that it provides helpful information regarding the referendum questions on the ballot.