

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 576

House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine Regarding Referendum Questions for Statewide Ballots**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington, Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McCREA of Fort
Fairfield, PARRY of Arundel, PIERCE of Dresden, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WARD of
Dedham, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

1 becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it
2 further

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

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the total
8 number of signatures required for a direct initiative of legislation to be not less than 10%
9 of the total vote for Governor cast in each county in the last gubernatorial election. It also
10 requires each of the signatures from a county to be that of a person registered to vote in
11 that county.