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No. 1438

H.P. 1050

House of Representatives, April 2, 2019

An Act To Clarify the Intent of Referendum Questions for Voters

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, AUSTIN of Gray, BLUME of York, HUTCHINS of
Penobscot, MAREAN of Hollis, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STROM of
Pittsfield.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §906, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Summary. The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General and the Revisor of Statutes, shall prepare a summary of each referendum question that explains the referendum question to the voter and place this summary on the ballot after the corresponding referendum question. This summary may not exceed 250 words, except that additional words may be used if the Secretary of State considers it necessary and space on the ballot permits.

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