

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 15, 2021

### An Act To Create a People's Revisor

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator:  
BAILEY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. People's Revisor.** Upon request, to provide assistance to the public as follows:

4 A. Through the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, after consultation with initiators of  
5 the instruments specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2), expert drafting assistance and  
6 drafts of:

7 (1) A people's veto initiated pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part  
8 Third, Section 17; and

9 (2) The direct initiative of a bill, resolve or resolution pursuant to the Constitution  
10 of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18;

11 B. Through the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, expert drafting assistance to citizens  
12 involved in drafting local referenda; and

13 C. In consultation with the Revisor of Statutes, classes to provide instruction on the  
14 drafting of people's vetoes and direct initiatives of legislation pursuant to the  
15 Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Sections 17 and 18, respectively, and  
16 local referenda;

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, on request, to consult with, and  
19 provide drafting assistance and full drafts to, persons involved in initiating a people's veto  
20 or direct initiative of a bill, resolve or resolution pursuant to the Constitution of Maine and  
21 to provide drafting assistance to persons involved in drafting local referenda.

22 This bill also requires that the office, in consultation with the Revisor of Statutes,  
23 provide classes on the drafting of people's vetoes, direct initiatives of legislation and local  
24 referenda.