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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO BILL H. P. 1636—L. D. 775

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Legislative Document

No. 847

H. P. 1636

In Senate, March 19, 1937.

On motion by Senator Laughlin of Cumberland bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report and on further motion of the same senator 500 copies of the bill were ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

House Amendment "A" to Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution relating to the Number of Signers on Referendum Petitions (H. P. 1636) (L. D. 775).

'Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state in the manner provided by the constitution:

Article XXXI constitution amended. Section 17 of Article XXXI of the constitution is hereby amended by striking out in the 1st line thereof the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'thirty' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Upon written petition of not less than ~~ten thousand~~ 30,000 electors, addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within 90 days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or part or parts thereof passed by the legislature, but not then in effect by reason of the provisions of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves, or resolutions or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petition shall not take effect until 30 days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that the same have been ratified by a majority

of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election. As soon as it appears that the effect of any act, bill, resolve, or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted on by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than 60 days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within 6 months thereafter the governor may, and if so requested in said written petition therefor, shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than 4 nor more than 6 months after his proclamation thereof.'