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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Acceptance of Zoning Laws.**

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

**R. S., c. 5, § 143, amended.** Section 143 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

**‘Sec. 143. Provisions for acceptance of zoning ordinances. No ordinance or by-law enacted by any city or by any town having a representative form of town meeting under the powers hereby conferred shall be in force and effect until accepted by a majority of the electors of such city or town voting at a regular election for the election in the case of cities of municipal officers or of one or more members of the city council, and in the case of towns for the election of municipal officers, or in either case at a special election duly warned, called and conducted in the same manner as required for such regular election. And at the time of the submission for enactment to the voters of towns without a representative form of town meeting or of village corporations, or for acceptance to the voters of cities or towns having a representative form of town meeting, the vote shall be by written ballot bearing the question “Shall the Zoning Ordinance Be Accepted?” Those favoring the acceptance shall vote “Yes” and those opposed shall vote “No”.’**