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Reported by Mr. Peirce from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory.

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

R. S., c. 57, § 21-A, additional. Chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 21-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 21-A. Liquor licenses in unincorporated places. Upon petition signed by 20% or more of the voters qualified under the provisions of section 64 of chapter 5 as legal voters of any unincorporated place requesting a vote on local option questions, the liquor commission shall forthwith set a date, give public notice in the same manner as provided for notice in section 22, and cause a vote to be taken in such unincorporated place under its supervision. For the purposes of this election, the commission shall prepare ballots and submit the same questions to such qualified voters of such unincorporated place as are provided for the local option vote in section 2 of this chapter, and are authorized and empowered to make necessary rules and regulations for preparing, carrying out and determining the result of such vote. If a majority of the votes cast by voters qualified to vote under the provisions of section 64 of chapter 5 in any such unincorporated place on any of the local option questions is in the affirmative,

the commission may issue licenses in such unincorporated place of the type approved by such affirmative vote, subject to all the provisions of law. If a majority of the votes cast by voters qualified to vote under the provisions of section 64 of chapter 5 in any such unincorporated place on any local option question is in the negative, no new or renewal license shall be issued in such unincorporated place of the type disapproved by such negative vote. In either case, the period during which licenses may or may not issue in such unincorporated place shall be the balance of the 2-year period provided for in the state-wide local option, and no new vote shall be taken in such unincorporated place until the time of another biennial state-wide local option vote.

Provided, however, that if the total number of votes cast on any option question in any election held under the provisions of this section is less than 12 or in any unincorporated place where no vote as herein provided has been taken, licenses shall require the approval of the county commissioners in accordance with the provisions of sections 23, 28 and 40 of this chapter.'