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In Senate, February 28, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Noyes of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

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, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 21-A of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 372 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Upon petition, signed by 20% or more of the persons resident of an unorganized township as shown by returns to the state tax assessor provided for by section 101-A of chapter 14, as amended, requesting a vote on local option questions, the secretary of state shall forthwith set a date, give public notice in the same manner as provided for notice in section 22 of this chapter, and cause a vote to be taken in such unincorporated place under his supervision. For the purposes of this election, the secretary of state shall prepare ballots and submit the questions requested by said petition to persons qualified to vote, resident in such unincorporated place, and is authorized and empowered to make rules and regulations for preparing, carrying out and determining the result of such vote. If a majority of votes cast on any of the local option questions is in the affirmative, the liquor

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 votes cast on any of the local option questions 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 to the next state-wide local option vote, and no new vote shall be taken in such unincorporated place until after the next biennial state-wide local option vote. The secretary of state shall promptly report the results of any such vote taken to the liquor commission.'