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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
96th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 398, L.D. 452, Bill "An Act Relating to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Spain."

Amend said Bill in section 3 by inserting before the word "general" the words 'unappropriated surplus of the'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following referendum clause:

'Referendum; effective date. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall 'An act Relating to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Spain,' passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the act voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the act voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective as of the date of said proclamation if there are sufficient funds in the unappropriated surplus to carry out the purposes of the foregoing act; otherwise the act shall not become effective.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.'

Filed by Mr. Berry of South Portland.

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