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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Requests for Secret Balloting at Town Meetings.**

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

**R. S., c. 91, § 53-A, additional.** Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 53-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 53-A. Secret ballots. When any number of legal voters, not less than 10% of the number of votes cast for Governor in the last preceding state election in the town but in no case less than 10 legal voters, request the selectmen in writing to place a particular article in the secret ballot as provided for in sections 49 to 63, they shall place it in the next ballot or shall call a special meeting for the consideration thereof. Requests for placing articles on ballots shall be subject to the same provisions of filing as are nomination papers under the provisions of section 54.'**