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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
99th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 168, L. D. 242, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Charter of the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the Enacting Clause the following Emergency Preamble:

'Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation under its bylaws can hold meetings only during the months of July and August; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the inhabitants of the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation be permitted to vote upon the following legislation in 1959; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the Referendum Clause and inserting in place thereof the following Referendum Clause:

'Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State.  
In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Yarmouth and said Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation at annual or special meetings thereof held within 1 year after the effective date of this act, provided that the warrants calling such meetings contain appropriate articles for that purpose. Such meetings shall be called and conducted according to the law governing annual and special meetings of said town and said Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation, except that voting on the articles relating to this act shall be accomplished by written ballot to be prepared for said meetings respectively by the town clerk and the clerk of said Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation. Said town clerk and said clerk of the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation shall prepare proper ballots upon which the subject matter of this act shall be reduced to the following question:

"Shall 'An Act to Repeal the Charter of the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation,' passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?" The qualified voters of said town and of said corporation shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

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This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by both the inhabitants of the Town of Yarmouth and the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation by a majority of the legal voters present and voting at each of said meetings; provided, however, that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in both the town and the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation equals or exceeds 20% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote taken at the meetings above specified shall be declared in open meeting by the municipal officers of said town and by the overseers of said corporation, and a certificate of the result of the vote shall be filed by the clerk of said town and by the clerk of said Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation with the Secretary of State.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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