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House of Representatives, March 10, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pert of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for Advisory Referendum for City of Bath.

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

P. & S. L., 1947, c. 82, c. IX, § 902-A, additional. Chapter IX of chapter 82 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended, is further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 902-A, to read as follows :

'Sec. 902-A. Advisory referendum. In addition to the foregoing powers of initiative and referendum, there is granted the right to the people of the City of Bath to initiate, or the city council to propose, any ordinance, act or resolve which may then be presented to the voters of the City of Bath by way of an advisory referendum. The purpose of said advisory referendum is to obtain from the voters of the City of Bath their approval or disapproval of the aforementioned ordinance, act or resolve without an appropriation of money as is required under section 711 of chapter VII of this charter, as amended, for capital improvements, or any other purpose hereinbefore mentioned, or which may arise. The result of any such advisory referendum shall not impose any legal responsibility upon the city council of the City of Bath to follow or carry out the intent of the voters as expressed in such advisory referendum. Such advisory initiated ordinance, act or resolve may be submitted to the council and be thereafter submitted to the voters in the same manner as is provided in this charter for nonadvisory initiative petitions.'