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## CHAPTER 584

AN ACT to Consolidate the Time for Voting on Certain  
Initiated and Referred Legislation.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, several Acts authorizing bond issues were passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, which bond issues by their own terms must be presented to the people of Maine for their approval on a certain date; and

Whereas, an initiated bill concerning repeal of the uniform property tax is to be presented to the people of Maine at a special election during 1977 and, under the Constitution, must be voted on at a different time than the date set for the above bond issues; and

Whereas, it is necessary, in order to avoid holding 2 special statewide elections in the fall of 1977 and thus to avoid the cost, time and inconvenience brought about by holding 2 elections, to change the date on which the people will vote on the several bond issues to a date which will coincide with the vote concerning the uniform property tax; and

Whereas, unless this Act is passed as an emergency it will be impossible to alter the date for voting on the bond issues before the vote is held; 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,

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

**Sec. 1.** PL 1977, c. 562, § 11, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

**Sec. 2.** P&SL 1977, c. 67, Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine ~~at a~~

~~special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."~~

Sec. 3. P&SL 1977, c. 68, § 8, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are 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 the inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, ~~at the next special or statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

Sec. 4. P&SL 1977, c. 69, § 10, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the Question shall be:

Sec. 5. P&SL 1977, c. 70, § 9, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

Sec. 6. P&SL 1977, c. 72, § 10, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held ~~on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."~~

Sec. 7. P&SL c. 74, § 7, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are 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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax," to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

Sec. 8. P&SL 1977, c. 76, Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine ~~at a special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."

Sec. 9. Other referenda. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the statewide referendum on any Act, other than those listed in sections 1 to 8, which was enacted at the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature subject to a statewide referendum to be conducted at a special election on November 8, 1977, shall be held on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective August 3, 1977