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History and Final Disposition

LD 95 / HP0061

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food. Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. Public Hearing 02/23/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/02/21. Amended by: CA H-124. Final Disposition: Finally Passed, CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION, Chapter 1. Approved at Referendum, 11/02/2021 (In favor: 249,273; Opposed 160,440).

Original Bill

[LD 95 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 95 / CR 2021, c. 1](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-0095.pdf

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(ACF\) \(02/23/2021\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-0124\) \(LD 95 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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[SENATE, March 11, 2021 \(S-185-257\)](#)

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[HOUSE, May 19, 2021 \(H-259-323\)](#)

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[SENATE, June 02, 2021 \(S-555-626\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 14, 2021 \(H-662-719\)](#)

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[SENATE, July 01, 2021 \(S-1208-1245\)](#)

p. S-1227 (Amendment(s) H-124)

Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

Critics question a proposed 'right to food' amendment (Steve Collins) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 2/25/2021, p. A1,A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Sun Journal 210225A.pdf)

Maine House backs 'right to food' measure (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 5/20/2021, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 210520M.pdf)

Maine will vote on 'right to food' (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 7/9/2021, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 210709D.pdf)

Voters could enshrine right to food, but critics say risks loom (Scott Thistle) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 7/18/2021, p. A1, A14) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/MST 210718C.pdf)

Voting yes on Question 3 will enshrine a right to food in the Maine Constitution (Jennifer Poirier) (Bangor Daily News, 10/9/2021, p. A15) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211009-10H.pdf)

Referendum recap (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 10/30/2021, p. A12) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211030-31G.pdf)

Question 3 will secure for Mainers the right to grow our own food (Jesse Watson) (Portland Press Herald, 10/20/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/PPH 211020E.pdf)

What you need to know about Question 3 (Sam Schipani) (Bangor Daily News, 10/19/2021, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211019H.pdf)

Question 3 sidesteps issues around hunger in Maine (Michael Haedicke) (Bangor Daily News, 10/20/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211020D.pdf)

No on Question 3 (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 10/21/2021, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211021I.pdf)

A yes vote on Question 3 will support our local food system (Betsy Garrold) (Bangor Daily News, 10/21/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211021J.pdf)

Is Question 3 a solution in search of a problem? (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 10/21/2021, p. Sec. II, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Ellsworth American 211021C.pdf)

The right to food (Editorial) (Ellsworth American, 10/21/2021, p. Sec. II, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Ellsworth American 211021D.pdf)

Vote to protect your food freedom (Billy Bob Faulkingham) (Ellsworth American, 10/21/2021, p. Sec. II, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Ellsworth American 211021E.pdf)

Is there a constitutional right to food? Mainers to decide next month (Patrick Whittle) (Portland Press Herald, 10/25/2021, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/PPH 211025B.pdf)

Mainers have a right to produce their own food (Billy Bob Faulkingham) (Bangor Daily News, 10/23/2021, p. A13) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211023-24G.pdf)

Question 3 is unpalatable lawmaking (Rebecca Graham) (Bangor Daily News, 10/26/2021, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211026E.pdf)

'Right to Food' amendment would give too much say to the courts (Marge Kilkelly) (Portland Press Herald, 10/28/2021, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/PPH 211028G.pdf)

Question 3 may be an issue of state's rights (Michael Cianchette) (Bangor Daily News, 10/30/2021, p. A13) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211030-31H.pdf)

What does 'right to food' mean? Courts will likely say (Kelley Bouchard) (Portland Press Herald, 11/4/2021, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/PPH 211104C.pdf)

Mainers OK 'right to food' referendum (Jessica Piper) (Bangor Daily News, 11/4/2021, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211104B.pdf)

Maine passes nation's 1st 'right to food' amendment (Patrick Whittle) (York County Coast Star, 11/5/2021, p. 2A) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/York County Coast Star 211105A.pdf)

Right to food is the way life should be (Craig Hickman) (Bangor Daily News, 10/28/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211028H.pdf)

Odd political alliances define late fight over 'right to food' question (Jessica Piper) (Bangor Daily News, 10/29/2021, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 211029A.pdf)

Referendum passage makes Maine a leader in hunting rights (V. Paul Reynolds) (Franklin Journal, 11/26/2021, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Franklin Journal 211126A.pdf)

Question 3 gives us the right to hunt - and to a vegan diet (David Trahan) (Kennebec Journal, 12/8/2021, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/KJ 211208A.pdf)

The battle over Maine's 'right to food' could be waged in cities and towns (Sawyer Loftus) (Penobscot Times, 11/25/2021, p. W1, W6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/Clip21649.pdf)

The predictable fallout from Maine's right to food constitutional amendment (Robert Fisk, Jr.) (Bangor Daily News, 6/13/2022, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD00xx/nc130-LD-0095/BDN 220613E.pdf)

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