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131st Legislature (2022-2024)

History and Final Disposition

LD 1653 / SP0658

Original Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors and to Protect All Electors from Harassment and Intimidation. New Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors. Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 04/26/23. OTP-AM Accepted 06/20/23. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-366. Final Disposition: Finally Passed, CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION, Chapter 4. Failed at Referendum, 11/07/23 (In favor: 184,063; Opposed: 211,120).

Original Bill

[LD 1653 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 1653 / Con. Res. 2023, c. 4](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation:cf131-LD-1653.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(04/26/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(05/10/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(05/11/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-366\) \(LD 1653 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, April 13, 2023 \(H-319-329\)](#)

p. H-328

[SENATE, April 13, 2023 \(S-450-467\)](#)

p. S-460

[HOUSE, June 20, 2023 \(H-920-967\)](#)

p. H-940 (Amendment(s) S-366)

[SENATE, June 20, 2023 \(S-1280-1327\)](#)

p. S-1301 (Amendment(s) S-366)

[HOUSE, June 21, 2023 \(H-968-1016\)](#)

p. H-979 (Amendment(s) S-366)

[SENATE, June 21, 2023 \(S-1328-1413\)](#)

p. S-1379 (Amendment(s) S-366)

[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

p. H-1169 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-366)

[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

p. S-1552 (Amendment(s) S-366)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[Con. Res. Res 2023, c. 4](#)

News Articles

Why I'm voting no on question 8 (Matthew Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 10/5/2023, p. A7)

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1653/BDN 231005F.pdf)

Question 8 aims to allow people in guardianships the right to cast ballots (Samantha Hogan)

- (Bangor Daily News, 10/10/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1653/BDN 231010D.pdf)

Denial of vote to some who are mentally ill gets scrutiny (Samantha Hogan) (Portland Press

- Herald, 10/10/2023, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1653/PPH 231009B.pdf)

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