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In Senate, January 9, 2019

An Act To Clarify Local Referendum Ballots

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CROCKETT of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2501, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Ballot questions.** Notwithstanding Title 21-A, section 906, subsection 7,
4 municipal initiative and referendum questions must be listed on the ballot using
5 sequential capital letters of the alphabet instead of sequential numbers.

6 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§6, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2
7 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is
8 further amended to read:

9 C. Any question or questions required by law to be submitted to a vote ~~shall~~ must be
10 printed either below the list of candidates or on a separate ballot from the ballot
11 listing candidates. Notwithstanding Title 21-A, section 906, subsection 7, the
12 questions must be listed on the ballot using sequential capital letters of the alphabet
13 instead of sequential numbers. If a separate ballot is used, this ballot must be a
14 different color than the ballot listing candidates.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires that municipal initiative and referendum questions be listed on
17 election ballots using sequential capital letters of the alphabet rather than sequential
18 numbers.