

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
95th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1114, L. D. 694, "Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Additional Signers for Direct Initiative of Legislation."

Amend said Resolve by striking out the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs thereof and inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs:

'Constitution, Art. IV, Part Third, §18, amended. Section 18 of Part Third of Article IV of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 18. The electors may propose to the legislature for its consideration any bill, resolve or resolution, including bills to amend or repeal emergency legislation but not an amendment of the state constitution, by written petition addressed to the legislature or to either branch thereof and filed in the office of the secretary of state or presented to either branch of the legislature within forty-five days after the date of convening of the legislature in regular session. Any measure thus proposed by ~~not less than twelve thousand~~ electors, the number of which shall not be less than ten per cent of the total vote for governor cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, unless enacted without change by the legislature at the session at which it is presented, shall be submitted to the electors together with any amended form, substitute, or recommendation of the legislature, and in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both. When there are competing bills and neither receives a majority of the votes given for or against, both, the one receiving the most votes shall at the next general election to be held not less than sixty days after the first vote thereon be submitted by itself if it receives more than one-third of the votes given for and against both. If the measure initiated is enacted by the legislature without change, it shall not go to a referendum vote unless in pursuance of a demand made in accordance with the preceding section. The legislature may order a special election on any measure that is subject to a vote of the people. The governor may, and if so requested in the written petitions addressed to the legislature, shall, by proclamation, order any measure proposed to the legislature ~~by at least twelve thousand electors~~ as herein provided, and not enacted by the legislature without change, referred to the people at a special election to be held not less than four nor more than six months after such proclamation, otherwise said measure shall be voted upon at the next general election held not less than sixty days after the recess of the legislature, to which such measure was proposed.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 3rd paragraph from the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

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"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing that direct initiative of legislation shall require not less than 10% of the total vote for governor as cast in the last previous gubernatorial election?"

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

Read and adopted in the Senate May 2, 1951.

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