

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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H.P. 873 - L.D. 1209

An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §907 is enacted to read:

§907. Public hearing on direct initiatives

A petition for direct initiative of legislation under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 that is determined valid by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 905, subsection 1 and is submitted to the Legislature in accordance with the procedure established in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, Subsection 1 must be afforded a public hearing conducted by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the petition or by a special legislative committee established for that purpose by the Legislative Council. The public hearing must be conducted in the same manner as other public hearings. The requirement to hold a public hearing may be waived by a vote of 2/3 of the members present in each House of the Legislature.