STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 1141 - L.D. 1536

An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2003, c. 569, §2, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The municipal officers shall hold a public hearing on the subject of the article at least 10 days before the day for voting on the article. The public hearing must be held in a manner that solicits and allows for a discussion on the merits of the article. At least 7 days before the date set for the hearing, the municipal officers shall give notice of the public hearing by having a copy of the proposed article, together with the time and place of hearing, posted in the same manner required for posting a warrant for a town meeting under section 2523. The municipal officers shall make a return on the original notice stating the manner of notice and the time it was given.