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November 7, 2000 Referendum Election Ballot Questions



Maine law requires that questions be organized on the ballot by category as follows: people's veto questions are first, then citizen initiatives, followed by bond questions, then constitutional amendments and finally referendum questions. There are no people's vetoes or bond questions scheduled to appear on the November 7, 2000 ballot.

The questions will appear on the November 7, 2000 ballot in the following order:

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

Question 1

Should a terminally ill adult who is of sound mind be allowed to ask for and receive a doctor's help to die?

Question 2

Do you favor requiring landowners to obtain a permit for all clear-cuts and defining cutting levels for lands subject to the tree growth tax law?

Question 3

Do you want to allow video lottery machines at certain horse racing tracks if 40% of the profits are used for property tax relief?

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Question 4

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow the Legislature to provide for the assessment of land used for commercial fishing activities based on the current use of that property?

Question 5

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to end discrimination against persons under guardianship for mental illness for the purpose of voting?

REFERENDUM

Question 6 (PL 629)

Do you favor ratifying the action of the 119th Legislature whereby it passed an act extending to all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation the same basic rights to protection against discrimination now guaranteed to citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation and credit and where the act expressly states that nothing in the act confers legislative approval of, or special rights to, any person or group of persons?

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State of Maine

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AUGUSTA, MAINE*An Act to Ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination*

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, in the Second Regular Session, by an act entitled,

"An Act to Ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination,"

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 7, 2000, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 629 of the Public Laws of 1999, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2000; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes cast by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act on November 7, 2000, and reviewed by the Governor on November 27, 2000, that a majority of said votes were in opposition of this act becoming law; namely,

*314,012 for, and
318,846 opposed;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGUS S. KING, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of Maine in such case provided, declare said measure is not adopted.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed given under my hand at Augusta this twenty-seventh day of November in the year Two Thousand

Angus S. King, Jr.
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Governor

Dan A. Gwadosky
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Secretary of State