

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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State of Maine



An Act To End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, in the First Regular Session, by the above entitled act, passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved May 6, 2009, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 82 of the Public Laws of 2009, enacted said measure; and

WHEREAS, the electors of this State filed with the Secretary of State written petitions addressed to the Governor of the State of Maine, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 17, of the Constitution of Maine, requesting that the above-entitled act be referred to the electors of this State; and

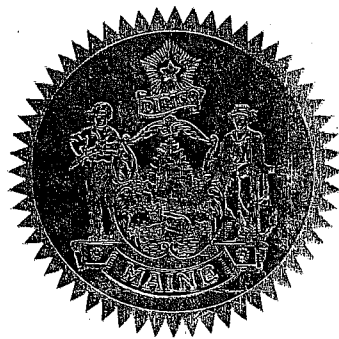
WHEREAS, by proclamation of the Governor, upon receipt of notice from the Secretary of State declaring the validity of the petitions, declared said act be referred to the electors for approval at an election held on November 3, 2009; and

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 3, 2009, and reviewed by the Governor on November 23, 2009, that a majority of said votes were in opposition of this act becoming law; namely,

300,848 for, and
267,828 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, 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 23rd day of November in the year Two Thousand and Nine.



John E. Baldacci

JOHN E. BALDACCI
Governor

Matthew Dunlap

MATTHEW DUNLAP
Secretary of State