



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

---

Legislative Document

No. 1209

---

H.P. 873

House of Representatives, March 12, 2019

### **An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation**

---

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.  
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CAMPBELL of Orrington, KESCHL of  
Belgrade, LOCKMAN of Bradley, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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

3 **§907. Public hearing on direct initiatives**

4 A petition for direct initiative of legislation under the Constitution of Maine, Article  
5 IV, Part Third, Section 18 that is determined valid by the Secretary of State pursuant to  
6 section 905, subsection 1 and is submitted to the Legislature in accordance with the  
7 procedure established in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18.  
8 Subsection 1 must be afforded a public hearing conducted by the joint standing  
9 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the petition or  
10 by a special legislative committee established for that purpose by the Legislative Council.  
11 The public hearing must be conducted in the same manner as other public hearings.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires a petition for the direct initiative of legislation, once it has been  
14 certified by the Secretary of State to be submitted to the Legislature for consideration by  
15 the Legislature to receive a public hearing before a joint standing committee of the  
16 Legislature or a special legislative committee established by the Legislative Council. The  
17 public hearing must be conducted in the same manner as other public hearings.