



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 647

LCO No. 1136

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:

SEN. RORABACK, 30th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM ON RAISING
THE SALES TAX.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the following question shall be transmitted by the Secretary of
2 the State to the town clerk of each town in the state at least thirty days
3 before the municipal election to be held on November 8, 2005, for the
4 purpose of holding a special advisory referendum in conjunction with
5 the municipal election. A special election shall be held for this purpose
6 in towns which do not have a municipal election scheduled for that
7 date. The question shall be: "Shall the state adopt an increase in the
8 sales tax of one-quarter of one per cent for the next ten years, provided
9 the proceeds of such additional tax are used exclusively for land
10 preservation initiatives and further provided that the tax will be
11 repealed if the funds are used for any other purpose?".

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a state-wide advisory referendum to determine whether the sales tax should be raised by one-quarter of one per cent to fund land preservation initiatives.