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## People's Veto Running Out of Time

With less than a week to go to collect valid signatures, the People's Veto of LD 1116 may be facing defeat. Though unconfirmed, reports seem to indicate that the Maine Christian Civic League and the Christian Coalition of Maine will not be able to obtain their 51,131 valid signatures.

Their deadline is September 18. If the signatures are submitted, the Secretary of State has up to thirty days to verify them. At that point we will know whether we must go forward with a referendum campaign or whether we can enjoy, for once in our Maine lives, a life that is legally protected from discrimination. Feel free to call the MLGPA office for updated information.

## Dirigo Alliance Dinner Rescheduled

In the last newsletter we reported that the Dirigo Alliance Annual Dinner was to be held on Friday, September 26. Since that time, there has been a change in both the date and the venue. The new date for the Dirigo Dinner is Friday, November 14, at the Eastland Hotel in Portland. For more information and reservations, please call the Dirigo Alliance at 874-9668 or write to them at PO Box 2333, Augusta, ME 04338.



## 1997 MLGPA Annual Meeting

The MLGPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 10am-1pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Winthrop Street in Augusta. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please join us for the yearly review, elections to the Board, and the long range plans and goals of the organization. Join us and make your voice heard, especially as we embark on a new era of gay politics in Maine. Doughnuts, bagels, coffee, and tea will be served.



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## A Reminder About ENDA

ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, will be up for a vote again this year. We stated in our last newsletter that we would include a postcard this month, but the postcard did not materialize. We encourage you to write personal letters to both your US Senators and Congressman to urge their support of ENDA. The time has come to pass ENDA. Please take a moment to write to them and ask for their support. Thank you.

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## MLGPA Halloween Ball — Coming to a Ballroom Near You!!

Join MLGPA for its first annual Halloween Ball, October 31, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland. Contests, prizes, dancing, fun, and more! Judges to include some of the more recognizable names in town! Have fun and enjoy a night on the town while supporting MLGPA. See enclosed flyer for details.