

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 34

H. P. 25

House of Representatives, January 6, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mackel of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Parsonages to \$50,000.

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

36 MRSA § 652, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, first sentence as amended by PL 1965, c. 13, is further amended to read:

Houses of religious worship, including vestries, and the pews and furniture within the same; tombs and rights of burial; and property owned and used by a religious society as a parsonage to the value of ~~\$20,000~~ \$50,000, and personal property not exceeding \$6,000 in value, but so much of any parsonage as is rented is liable to taxation.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that passage of this Act would result in no loss of property tax in the unorganized territory and a \$40,000 loss in the Uniform Property Tax for 1979.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the property tax exemption for parsonages from \$20,000 to \$50,000 in order to take account of the inflationary increase in real estate values.