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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1264)
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 2345, L. D. 2212

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Amount of Revenues which may be Raised by Taxes in any Fiscal Year.

Amend the Resolution by striking out all of the Title and inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLUTION Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Amount of Government Spending.'

Further amend the Resolution by striking out everything after the first paragraph and before the constitutional referendum procedure and inserting in its place the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §25 is enacted to read:

Section 25. Enactment of legislation to limit governmental spending. The Legislature shall enact legislation to limit governmental spending which shall provide for a limit on spending, emergency expenditures above the limit, disposition of excess revenues, exclusions from the limit, and protection for local governments from transfers of costs. This legislation shall be enacted prior to the adjourning of the first regular session of the 109th Legislature. Bills to carry out the purposes of this section shall only contain matter related to those purposes. Each statute enacted to carry out the purposes of this section shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each House.'

Further amend the Resolution by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph of the constitutional referendum procedure and inserting in its place the following:

"Shall the Constitution be amended, as proposed by the first special session of the 108th Legislature, to limit the amount of government spending?"

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for a constitutional provision requiring the Legislature to enact a limit on governmental spending prior to the adjournment of the first regular session of the 109th Legislature and requiring that all statutes enacted pursuant to this provision require a 2/3 vote of the elected members of each House.

Filed by Five Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
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