

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

(Filing No. H-1288)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" 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 Amendment by striking out everything and inserting in its place the following:

'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 and Taxes which may be Made without Voter Approval.'

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

'Constitution, Art. I, §22, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. Spending limit. No unit of government shall spend during any year more than the amount it spent during the previous year adjusted to reflect any increase or decrease in the cost of living. This limitation may be exceeded by any amount of excess approved by a majority of the unit's electors voting at a referendum called in accordance with state law.

The Legislature may enact any statutes necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.'

Further amend the Resolution by striking out all of the question in the Constitutional referendum procedure and inserting 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 and taxes which may be made without voter approval?"

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for a simple, yet effective, limit on governmental spending.

Filed by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn

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