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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
108TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-1291)
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" 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 all of the first
paragraph after the title 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 State
Expenditures which may be Made from Undedicated Revenues without
voter Approval and to Provide for Local Control of Local
Expenditure Limitation.'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the 9th
line after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §22, sub-§§1 to 4 are enacted to'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting at the end of
page 2 the following:

'4. Local control of local expenditure limitation.

The Legislature shall prescribe by law of general application
a method by which the voters of a local unit of government may
adopt an appropriation limitation for that unit, but shall
not prescribe an appropriation limit for local units of
government. In municipalities which have adopted municipal
charters under the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, any
appropriation limitation shall be adopted in accordance with
the charter amendment procedure. Once adopted by a local unit,

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an appropriation limitation shall remain in effect until repealed, replaced or amended by the voters of that unit.'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph on page 3 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 state expenditures which may be made from undedicated revenues without voter approval and to provide for local control of local expenditure limitation?"'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for optional local limitation on local expenditures.

Filed by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook

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