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L.D. 2213

STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2346,
L.D. 2213, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
to Limit the Maximum Property Tax which can be Levied.

Amend the Amendment on pages 5 and 6 in that part
designated "§1523." by striking out all of subsection 3 and
inserting in its place the following:

'3. Protection of local units. The State shall not
require local units of government to fund any programs not
in effect on the effective date of this chapter, nor require
them to fund expansion of present programs unless the
legislation authorizing the new or expanded program includes
a municipal fiscal impact statement which includes an estimate
of the costs to be imposed on municipalities or other levels
of government. If the State transfers funding responsibility
for existing programs to local units of government, or reduces
total state aid to local units as annually adjusted by the
cost-of-living change or personal income change, whichever is
less, that reduction or transfer shall reduce the State's
annual limitation established in section 1522 by the total
appropriations reduced or transferred.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that the State shall not require local units of government to finance new or expanded programs unless the legislation authorizing that program includes a municipal fiscal impact statement. This statement must include an estimate of the costs which will be imposed on municipalities or other levels of government.

This amendment also allows the State to reduce local aid or transfer funding responsibility for existing local programs if the reduction or transfer results in a reduced state appropriation limitation.

Filed by Mr. Spencer of Standish
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