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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
108TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-1285)
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 page 7 by striking out all of
that part designated "§6183." and inserting in its place the
following:

'§6183. Protection of local government for state required costs

The State is prohibited from requiring that local units
of government finance from local taxes any new or expanded
activities, 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 6172 by the total appropriations
reduced or transferred.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that the State may not require local units of government to finance new or expanded programs from local taxes unless the legislation authorizing the new or expanded 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 transfers results in a reduced state appropriation limit.