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#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

# Legislative Document

No. 719

H. P. 571 House of Representatives, February 22, 1979 On Motion of Mrs. Post of Owl's Head, referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT. Clerk

Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren. Cosponsor: Mr. Wood of Sanford.

### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Include the Cost of Processing and Collecting Real Estate Tax Liens within the Amount of the Lien Itself.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

36 MRSA § 552 is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The reasonable costs of processing and collection of the lien created under this section shall be included in the amount of the lien.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the reasonable costs of processing and collection of a real estate lien shall be included in the amount of the lien. At the present time, paying taxpayers are required to bear the costs of processing and collection of the tax liens. This bill will place the costs where they belong, on the property of the delinquent taxpayer.