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L.D. 652

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 502,
L.D. 652, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine to Change the Municipal Prop-
erty Tax Loss Reimbursement Formula, to Change the
Penalty for the Withdrawal of Land from Current Use
Valuation and to Require a Two-thirds Vote for the
Expenditure of Funds from the Mining Excise Tax Trust
Fund."

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing amendments to the Consti-
tution of Maine to Change the Municipal Property Tax
Loss Reimbursement Formula, to Change the Penalty for
the Change of Use of Land Subject to Current Use
Valuation and to Require a Two-thirds Vote for the
Expenditure of Funds from the Mining Excise Tax Trust
Fund.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all
of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title and
inserting in their place the following:

'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §23, as enacted by
CR 1977, c. 5, is amended by adding at the end a new
paragraph to read:

This section shall allow, but not require, reim-
bursement for statutory property tax exemptions or
credits for unextracted minerals.'

Further amend the resolution in that part relat-
ing to "Constitutional referendum procedure", in the
first paragraph, in the last line (page 3, line 23 in
L.D.) by striking out the word "question" and insert-

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1 ing in its place the word 'questions'

2 Further amend the resolution in that part relat-
3 ing to "Constitutional referendum procedure" by
4 striking out the 2nd paragraph and inserting in its
5 place the following:

6 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to
7 change the municipal property tax loss reimbursement
8 provisions and to change the penalty payable upon the
9 change of use of land containing minerals which is
10 being valued at current use?"

11 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to
12 require two-thirds vote of the elected members of the
13 Legislature to expend any principal amount of the
14 Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund or any successor
15 funds?"

16 Further amend the resolution in that part relat-
17 ing to "Constitutional referendum procedure" in the
18 3rd paragraph, in the 2nd line (page 3, line 31 in
19 L.D.) by striking out the words "this question" and
20 inserting in their place the words 'these questions'

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this amendment is to reorganize
23 the amendment language in the Constitution of Maine,
24 Article IV, Part 3, Section 23, to avoid a technical
25 conflict with another Constitutional Resolution under
26 consideration and to split the question to appear on
27 the ballot into 2 questions in order to avoid confu-
28 sion of the voters.

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