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S.P. 209

In Senate, February 11, 2003

An Act To Change the Filing Dates on Real Estate Liens

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §942**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 57, §6, is
6 further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new
8 paragraph to read:

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purposes
12 of this section, for municipalities with a fiscal year that
14 begins on July 1st, when a property is conveyed after April 1st
16 but before July 1st, a notice or lien sent or filed pursuant to
18 this section must be sent to or filed against the owner of the
20 property as of the July 1st date of assessment of the unpaid
22 taxes rather than the owner of record as of April 1st.

SUMMARY

18 Currently, if real property is transferred after April 1st,
20 the owner of record on April 1st is liable for taxes assessed
22 against the property. This bill requires that the notice be sent
to the owner of the property as of July 1st after the date of
assessment of the taxes rather than the owner of record as of
April 1st.