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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Property Valuation Process

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each 2 branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed: Constitution, Art. IX, §7 is repealed. ; and be it further 8 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective 10 date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and 12 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday 14 following the first Monday of November following the passage of 16 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question: 18 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to repeal 20 the requirement that property be revalued every 10 years for purposes of the property tax?" 22 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a 24 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below 26 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as 28 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review 30 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim 32 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it further 34 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the 36 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution 38 necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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SUMMARY

This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to repeal the requirement that property be revalued every 10 years for purposes of the property tax.