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Resolve, Directing the State Tax Assessor To Adjust the State Valuation for the Town of Topsham

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, KENT of Woolwich, PERCY of Phippsburg, WATSON of Bath.

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the 2009 state valuation for the Town of Topsham was calculated using incorrect information; and

Whereas, the correct valuation results in an increase in the 2009 state valuation for Topsham; and

Whereas, without this correction, Topsham would be paying less than its equitable portion of the Sagadahoc County tax for 2009-2010 and the School Administrative District 75 school budget for 2010-2011, which would require surrounding municipalities in Sagadahoc County and School Administrative District 75 to pay more than their equitable share; and

12 Whereas, this correction needs to be done before Sagadahoc County determines the 13 2009-2010 town assessments; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adjustment of state valuation for Town of Topsham. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor shall adjust the 2009 state valuation for the Town of Topsham to be \$884,150,000.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the State Tax Assessor to adjust the 2009 state valuation for the Town of Topsham to correct an error that resulted in the valuation being lower than it should be.