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### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hanson of Solon.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN

## AN ACT Relating to Ratio Evidence in Appeals for Abatement of Property Taxes.

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

**R. S., T. 36, § 848-A, additional.** Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 848-A, as follows:

#### § 848-A. Ratio evidence

In any proceedings under sections 841 to 849, the assessment ratio of the municipality as certified by the State Tax Assessor shall be prima facie evidence of the proportion of just value at which property in the municipality was assessed for the year in question. Any party contesting such ratio shall have the burden of proving by competent evidence that a ratio other than that certified by the State Tax Assessor is applicable.