

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 105TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1577, L. D. 2034, Bill, "AN ACT Establishing a Forest Lands Taxation Policy Using a Productivity Approach."

Amend said Bill in section 8 in that part designated "<u>§ 578.</u>" in the 9th line of subsection 1 (<sub>same</sub> in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "<u>differs from</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'is more than 10% less than'

Further amend said Bill in section 8 in that part designated "<u>§ 578.</u>" in the 10th line of subsection 1 (same in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words and figures "by more than 10%"

Further amend said Bill in section 8 in that part designated "<u>§ 578.</u>" by inserting after the 2nd sentence of subsection 2 (same in L.D.) the following underlined sentence: '<u>If the</u> <u>April 1, 1973 total assessed valuation of forest lands for the</u> <u>entire unorganized territory is more than 10% less than the</u> <u>April 1, 1972 total assessed valuation of forest lands for the</u> <u>entire unorganized territory, the State Tax Assessor shall</u> <u>adjust the April 1, 1973 assessed values of forest lands back</u> to a 10% change.'

## Statement of Fact

It is the intent of this amendment to clarify the language in section 578 to avoid any constitutional guestion about uniform treatment.

Filed by Mr. Ross of Bath.

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