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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E " to H.P. 1664, L.D. 1917, Bill,
"AN ACT to Revise An Act Relating to Property Taxation which
was Enacted by the 106th Legislature."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§328." of
section 13 by striking out all of the last underlined blocked
paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:
'Upon a primary assessing area's failure to achieve the minimum
assessing standards of this subchapter, the bureau may choose
at least one or more of the above administrative practices as
necessary corrective steps to be undertaken by said area, in
accordance with sections 291 through 293 and 329.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that
part designated "§329." of section 13 and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'§329. Inability to achieve standards

Upon an initial determination by the Bureau of Property
Taxation that a primary assessing area has not met the minimum
standards set forth in this subchapter, the area has the following
2 options:

Acceptance of bureau's determination.

1. /The area may accept the bureau's determination. Upon
such acceptance, the bureau shall consult with the officers of the
area and require steps by which the area shall achieve an equitable
level of assessing practices. Such steps shall endeavor to

accommodate the preferences of the municipal officers of the area
and may include membership in a primary assessing district,
the joining with a companion municipality in the hiring of a part-
time, professional assessor or an assessing firm or other
arrangements approved by the Bureau of Property Taxation;

Appeal.

2. /The primary assessing area deeming itself aggrieved
may file a written notice of appeal with the Municipal Valuation
Appeals Board in accordance with the provisions of sections 291
through 293.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is intended to limit the operation of
sections 328 and 329 to primary assessing areas.

Filed by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich.

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