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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 366, L.D. 1227, RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Require the State
to Reimburse Municipalities for at least 50% of Property Tax
Exemption Losses.

Amend the Resolution in the title by inserting at the end,
before the period, the following: 'and Credit Losses Enacted after
April 1, 1978'

Further amend the Resolution by inserting at the end of the
first sentence of "Sec. 23." before the period and after the word
"exemptions" the following: 'or credits enacted after April 1, 1978'

Further amend the Resolution by inserting after the first
sentence of "Sec. 23." the following new sentence to read: 'The
Legislature may waive its obligation to reimburse municipalities
for property tax revenue loss by granting municipalities the
authority to obtain the amount of the annual reimbursement through
revenue sources other than property taxes.'

Further amend the Resolution by striking out all of the
question and inserting in its place the following:

' "Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a
resolution of the Legislature to require the State to provide for
reimbursement to municipalities for at least 50% of property tax
exemption/^{losses}and credit losses enacted after April 1, 1978?"'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the bill by:

1. Also requiring reimbursement for statutory property tax credits;
2. Limiting the reimbursement requirement to exemptions and credits enacted after April 1, 1978; and
3. Permitting the Legislature to waive the reimbursement requirement by granting the authority to municipalities to obtain the amount of reimbursement through revenue sources other than property taxes.

Filed by Mr. Curran of South Portland.

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