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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-274)
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " 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 Constitutional Resolution by striking out all
of the title and inserting in its place the following:
'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to
Require the State to Reimburse each Municipality for 50% of all
New, Reenacted or Expanded Statutory Property Tax Exemptions
or Credits."

Further amend the Constitutional Resolution by striking
out everything after the title and inserting in its place the
following:

'Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each
branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §23 is enacted to read:

23. Municipalities reimbursed annually. The Legislature
shall annually reimburse each municipality for ^{50% of} all new,
reenacted or expanded statutory property tax exemptions or
credits granted after the date this section has become part
of the Constitution.
The Legislature may waive this reimbursement responsibility
if municipalities are granted the statutory authority for
obtaining other revenue sources sufficient to replace the
revenues lost or through increasing the state-municipal

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revenue sharing program.

The Legislature shall enact appropriate legislation to carry out the intent of this section.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at the next general election in the month of November or special statewide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to require the State to reimburse each Municipality for ^{50% of} all New, Reenacted or Expanded Statutory Property Tax Exemptions or Credits?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State

in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to reimburse each municipality for ^{50% of} all new, reenacted or expanded statutory property tax exemptions or credits.

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