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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 772, L.D. 2209, RESOLUTION,

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Amount of Government Spending and Taxes which may be Made without Voter Approval.

Amend the Resolution in the title by inserting at the end before the period, the following: 'and to Establish Property Tax Exemptions for Maine Homesteads'

Further amend the resolution on Page 4 <sup>of the L.D.</sup> by inserting before that part designated "Constitution, Art. IX, §19, sub-~~§§~~ 1 and 2 enacted to read:" the following:

'Constitution, Art. IX, §8, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Legislature shall establish an exemption from real estate taxes for all owner occupied principal residences and shall also establish a rebate in lieu of a tax exemption for all tenants who lease principal residences. The exemption shall not be less than \$20,000 of just value and the rebate shall not be less than \$100  
The Legislature shall review the general law relating to this exemption and rebate at least once within 3 years following each federal decennial census. The Legislature shall provide reimburse-  
ment to municipalities for revenue that would be collected from taxes on real estate but for this provision.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide real estate tax exemption of \$5,000 and a renters' rebate of not less than \$25 on principal residences.

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