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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

(Filing No. H-1242)

HOUSE AMENDMENT"F" 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'

of the L.D.

Further amend the resolution on Page 4/by inserting before
that part designated "Constitution, Art. IX, \$19, sub-\$51 and 2
are 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 \$5,000 of just value and the rebate shall not be less than \$25.

The Legislature shall review the general law relating to this exemption and rebate at least once within 3 years following each federal seconnial sensus. The Legislature shall provide reimbursement 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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