

## L.D. 2209

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

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "**I**" 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 by striking out all of the first sentence of the 3rd paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Constitution, commencing with any fiscal year after 1979, the annual appropriations of a unit of government during any fiscal year shall not exceed the appropriations, as adjusted, for the prior year, plus 3%, unless a majority of the voting electors of such unit of government approve a different amount.'

Further amend the Resolution by striking out all of subsection 1 of section 19 of Art. IX of the Constitution as enacted by this resolution and inserting in its place the following:

'<u>1. Control of allocations. Notwithstanding any other</u> provision of the Constitution, commencing with any fiscal year after 1979 the annual allocations made under this section during any fiscal year shall not exceed the allocations, as adjusted, for the prior year, plus 3%, unless the electors House Amendment to S. P. 772, L.D. 2209

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approve a different amount. Any amount allocated above this limitation shall not be made effective until ratified by the clectors by referendum.'

## Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes the provision for cost of living increases and replaces that provision with a permitted 3% annual increase.

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