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L.D. 2209
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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT" B" 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 3rd paragraph
and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Control of appropriations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Constitution, commencing with any fiscal year after 1979, the annual appropriations of State Government during any fiscal year shall not exceed the appropriations, as adjusted, for the prior year, except for cost-of-living changes, unless a majority of the voting electors approve a different amount. Any amount above this limitation shall not be effective until ratified by the electors.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the 6th
paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'4. Protection of local government for state-required costs. The State is prohibited from requiring that local units of government finance from property taxation any new or expanded programs or services or from shifting the costs of existing programs and services to the local units, as a group, or from increasing the property tax by reducing total state aid to local units as adjusted annually for changes in the cost of living.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the annual appropriations of State Government during any fiscal year will be limited. The amendment also limits the ability of the State Government to shift the cost of certain services and programs onto property taxation.

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