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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-1272)  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to  
H.P. 2346, L.D. 2213, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the  
Constitution to Limit the Maximum Property Tax which can be  
Levied.

Amend the Amendment on pages 5 and 6 in that part designated  
"§1523." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in  
its place the following:

'3. Protection of local units. The State shall not  
require local units of government to fund any programs not in  
effect on the effective date of this chapter, nor require them  
to fund expansion of present programs unless the legislation  
authorizing the new or expanded program includes a municipal  
fiscal impact statement which includes an estimate of the costs  
to be imposed on municipalities or other levels of government.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that the State shall not require  
local units of government to finance new or expanded programs  
from property taxation unless the legislation authorizing that  
program includes a municipal fiscal impact statement. This  
statement must include an estimate of the costs which will be  
imposed on municipalities or other levels of government.

Filed by Mr. Spencer of Standish  
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