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

(Filing No. H-1273)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 page 7, in that part designated "§6183." by striking out in lines 2 and 3 the underlined words "on that portion of existing activities financed in full or in part by the State or"

Further amend the Amendment on page 7, in that part designated "<u>\$6183</u>." by inserting after the first sentence the following:

'If the State transfers funding responsibility for existing programs to local units of government, or reduces total state aid to local units as annually adjusted by the cost-of-living change or personal income change, whichever is less, that reduction or transfer shall reduce the State's annual limitation established in section 1522 by the total appropriations reduced or transferred.

Further amend the Amendment on page 7, in that part designated "§6183." by striking out all of the 2nd sentence, which reads:

"The State is prohibited from increasing the local taxes by reducing total state aid to local units as adjusted annually for

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changes in the cost of goods and services."

Statement of Fact

This amendment allows the State to reduce local aid or transfer funding responsibility for existing local programs if the reduction or transfer results in a reduced state appropriation.

Filed by Mr. Spencer of Standish
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