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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" 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 3 by striking out all of that part designated "§1524." and inserting in its place the following:

'§1524. Protection of local government from state required costs

The Legislature and Executive Department of the State are prohibited from requiring that nonstate levels of government finance from property taxation any new or expanded programs. 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.'

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L.D. 2213

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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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