

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 847

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7 S.P. 282

In Senate, February 23, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

12 Cosponsors: Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket, Representative
Conary of Oakland and Representative Jacques of Waterville.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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18 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to
19 the Constitution of Maine to Permit
20 Municipalities to Exempt
21 Watercraft from Property Taxation.
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23 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds
24 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that
25 the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine
26 be proposed:

27 Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§4 is enacted to
28 read:

29 4. When the Legislature has authorized municipi-
30 palities to assess a tax upon personal property, a
31 municipality may choose not to assess the tax upon
32 watercraft.

33 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of
34 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city

1 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of
2 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
3 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in
4 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
5 election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
6 following the first Monday of November following the
7 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratifi-
8 cation of the amendment proposed in this resolution
9 by voting upon the following question:

10 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended as
11 proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to
12 permit a municipality to choose not to assess a
13 property tax on watercraft?"

14 The legal voters of each city, town and
15 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and
16 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark
17 placed within the corresponding square below the word
18 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,
19 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and
20 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary
21 of State in the same manner as votes for members of
22 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the
23 returns and, if it appears that a majority of the
24 legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Gover-
25 nor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the
26 amendment shall become part of the Constitution on
27 the date of the proclamation.

28 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.
29 Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare
30 and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
31 ballots, returns and copies of this resolution neces-
32 sary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This amendment permits municipalities which
35 prefer not to assess watercraft because of the diffi-
36 culties involved to choose not to do so.

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