

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 2147

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7 H.P. 1623

House of Representatives, February 29, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to
9 Joint Rule 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

Presented by Representative Kane of So. Portland. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Cosponsors: Representative Melendy of Rockland, Senator Wood of
12 York and Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
19 Constitution of Maine to Provide that, Beginning
20 with the Property Tax Year 1984, All Watercraft
21 as Defined by the Legislature shall be Exempt
22 from Taxation as Personal Property, Provided
23 That Certain Watercraft as Defined by
24 the Legislature shall be Subject to an Excise
25 Tax to be Collected and Retained by the
26 Municipalities.
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28 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds
29 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that
30 the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine
31 be proposed:

32 Constitution Art. IX, §8, sub-§4 is enacted to
33 read:

34 4. Beginning with the property tax year 1984,
35 all watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be
36 exempt from taxation as personal property, provided

1 that certain watercraft as defined by the Legislature
2 shall be subject to an excise tax to be collected and
3 retained by the municipalities.

4 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of
5 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city
6 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of
7 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their re-
8 spective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in
9 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
10 election, at the next general election in the month
11 of November following passage of this resolution, to
12 vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed
13 in this resolution by voting upon the following ques-
14 tion:

15 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended
16 as proposed by the Legislature to provide that,
17 beginning with the property tax year 1984, all
18 watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be
19 exempt from taxation as personal property, pro-
20 vided that certain watercraft as defined by the
21 Legislature shall be subject to an excise tax to
22 be collected and retained by the municipalities?"

23 The legal voters of each city, town and
24 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and
25 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark
26 placed within the corresponding square below the word
27 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,
28 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and
29 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary
30 of State in the same manner as votes for members of
31 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-
32 turns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal
33 votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor
34 shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amend-
35 ment shall become part of the Constitution on the
36 date of the proclamation.

37 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Re-
38 solved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare
39 and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
40 ballots, returns and copies of this resolution neces-
41 sary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolution requires that, beginning with the property tax year 1984, all watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be exempt from taxation as personal property, provided that certain watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be subject to an excise tax to be collected and retained by the municipalities.

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