

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 730

House of Representatives, April 3, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Provide Tax Relief to Owners of Registered Historic Properties.**



1 **Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two thirds of each
2 branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
3 amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

4 **Constitution, Article IX, §8, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

5 5. The Legislature shall have the power to allow privately
6 owned properties that are listed on the National Register of
7 Historic Places to be taxed as a separate class of property.

8 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**
9 **date. Resolved:** That the city aldermen, town selectmen and
10 plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants
11 of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the
12 manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a
13 statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of
14 November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon
15 the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by
16 voting upon the following question:

17 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to permit the
18 Legislature to allow privately owned properties that are
19 listed on the National Register of Historic Places to be
20 taxed as a separate class of property?"

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

32 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
33 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
34 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
35 necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 This constitutional resolution permits properties listed on
40 the National Register of Historic Places to be taxed as a
41 separate class of property, which will permit the Legislature to
42 set up property tax deferrals or other programs to encourage
43 restoration.