

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 13, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative PEDERSON of Bangor and Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine to Require the State to Pay Property Taxes on State-owned  
Property.**

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

5           **Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§5 is enacted to read:**

7           5. The State shall pay property tax to a municipality on  
the full assessed value of all state-owned property located in  
9 that municipality.

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

21           "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to require that  
the State pay property taxes to municipalities on all  
23 state-owned property?"

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

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

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43           **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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47           This constitutional resolution requires that the State pay  
property taxes to municipalities on all state-owned property  
49 within those municipalities.