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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 147, L.D. 219, Bill, "An Act to Abolish the Homestead Tax Exemption"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses will become due and payable prior to July 1, 1991; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill eliminates the requirement that municipalities process homestead exemption applications beginning April 1, 1991 and eliminates the need for a \$13,000,000 appropriation in fiscal year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93. The Governor's budget proposal for next biennium also eliminates appropriations for this purpose.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation

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