

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 1807

H.P. 1241

House of Representatives, May 6, 1991

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 LARRIVEE of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
to Give School Districts Taxing Authority.**

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

4                   **Constitution, Art. XI, §8, sub-§3** is amended to read:

6                   **3. School districts.** The Legislature shall have-power-to  
8 provide---that---taxes,---which---it---may authorize a School  
Administrative District-or-a-community-school-district Units to  
10 levy,--may-be taxes assessed on real, personal and intangible  
property in accordance with any cost-sharing formula which--it  
12 that the Legislature may authorize.

14 ; and be it further

16           **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**  
**date. Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall  
18 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and  
plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding  
20 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday  
following the first Monday of November following the passage of  
22 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment  
proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

24                   "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to authorize  
26 school administrative units to collect property tax revenues  
due them directly from taxpayers?"

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

42           **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the  
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town  
44 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution  
necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum; and be it  
46 further

48           **Implementing legislation. Resolved:** That if this resolution is  
approved by the people of the State, the Legislature shall enact  
50 statutory provisions to implement the intent of this referendum.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to authorize school administrative units to collect property tax revenues due them directly from taxpayers.