

L.D. 410

(Filing No. H-312)

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 116TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " η " to H.P. 322, L.D. 410, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Payment of Assessed Property Taxes"

16 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place 18 the following:

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'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §843, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

22 4. Payment requirements for taxpayers. A taxpayer must pay an amount of current taxes equal to the amount of taxes paid in the next preceding year or the amount of taxes in the current tax 24 year not in dispute, whichever is greater, by the due date in order to enter an appeal under this section or to continue 26 prosecution of an appeal pending under this section. If an 28 appeal is in process upon expiration of a due date for payment of taxes in a particular municipality, without the appropriate 30 amount of taxes having been paid, the appeal process must be suspended until the appropriate amount of taxes, together with 32 any accrued interest and costs, has been paid. This section applies to any property tax year beginning on or after April 1, 1993. 34

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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §844, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

38 4. Payment requirements for taxpayers. A taxpayer must pay an amount of current taxes equal to the amount of taxes paid in 40 the next preceding year or the amount of taxes in the current tax year not in dispute, whichever is greater, by the due date in 42 order to enter an appeal under this section or to continue prosecution of an appeal pending under this section. If an 44 appeal is in process upon expiration of a due date for payment

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of taxes in a particular municipality, without the appropriate amount of taxes having been paid, the appeal process must be suspended until the appropriate amount of taxes, together with any accrued interest and costs, has been paid. This section applies to any property tax year beginning on or after April 1, 1993.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires a taxpayer to pay the greater of the preceding years' taxes or the current years' taxes not in dispute in order to enter or continue an appeal of an abatement request.

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