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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 776, L.D. 2003, "Resolve, Authorizing the Examination of School Finance and Taxation Proposals"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 (page 1, lines 23 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 4. Committee established. Resolved: That the Committee to Study Taxation Issues Related to Funding Public Schools, referred to in this resolve as the "committee," is established; and be it further

Sec. 5. Membership. Resolved: That the committee consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

1. Two senators from the Joint Standing Committee on Education appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from the minority party and one of whom must be from the majority party;

2. Two senators from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from the minority party and one of whom must be from the majority party;

3. Three members of the House of Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Education appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from the minority party and 2 of whom must be from the majority party; and

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2 4. Three members of the House of Representatives from the
4 Joint Standing Committee on Taxation appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from the
minority party and 2 of whom must be from the majority party; and
be it further

8 **Sec. 6. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
10 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council upon making their
12 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,
the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the
14 first meeting of the committee no later than August 15, 1994; and
be it further

16 **Sec. 7. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall review
18 taxation issues related to funding public schools. The committee
shall:

20 1. Review and analyze the current tax structure for funding
22 public schools, grades kindergarten to 12;

24 2. Review and analyze alternatives to reliance upon the
property tax to fund the required local share of education costs;
26 and

28 3. Identify the implications of repealing the property tax
as the revenue source for funding the local share of the total
30 allocation for education, effective in fiscal year 1996-97; and
be it further

32 **Sec. 8. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the committee shall
34 request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative
Council; and be it further

36 **Sec. 9. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the committee members
38 are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's
40 attendance at meetings of the committee. Members are entitled to
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon
42 application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director
of the Legislative Council shall administer the committee's
44 budget; and be it further

46 **Sec. 10. Report. Resolved:** That the committee shall submit
its report to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature
48 by January 15, 1995; and be it further

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The resolve directs a subcommittee consisting of members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to review, analyze and make recommendations for changes in the current tax structure for funding public schools.

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This amendment changes the subcommittee to a committee, adds provisions on appointment of committee members, reimbursement and staff assistance and adds the following 2 new duties to the committee:

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1. To review and analyze alternatives to reliance upon the property tax to fund the required local share of education costs; and

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2. To identify the implications of repealing the property tax as the revenue source for funding the local share of the total allocation for education, effective in fiscal year 1996-97.

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