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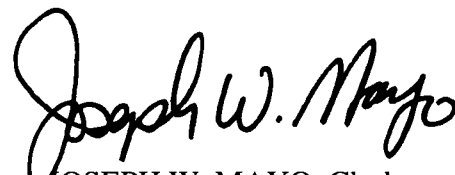
No. 1710

H.P. 1248

House of Representatives, January 16, 1996

An Act to Simplify Applications for Tax Exemptions for Blind Individuals.

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §654, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
708, Pt. J, §13, is further amended to read:

6 E. The residential real estate up to the just value of
8 \$4,000 of inhabitants of Maine who are legally blind as
10 determined by ~~the Department of Education, Division for the
Blind and Visually Impaired~~ a properly licensed Doctor of
Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Optometry; and

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 Currently, the Director of the Division for the Blind is
18 required to certify the legal blindness of applicants for a tax
exemption. The bill amends the law to require that certification
of an applicant as legally blind for a tax exemption be made by a
Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Optometry.