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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 569

H.P. 419

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study  
Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to the Property Tax  
Circuit Breaker Program.**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, GAGNE of Buckfield, VOLENIK of  
Brooklin, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox,  
RAND of Cumberland.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6204**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 534, Pt. A,  
4 §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6           **§6204. Filing dates**

8           1. Filing period for 1997 and prior years. A claim may not  
10 be paid for 1997 or a prior year unless the claim is filed with  
12 the Bureau of Taxation on or after August 1st and on or before  
the following December 31st of the year for which the claim is  
made.

14           2. Filing period for 1998 and succeeding years. A claim  
16 may not be paid for 1998 or any succeeding year unless the claim  
18 is filed with the Bureau of Taxation on or after January 1st and  
on or before April 15th of the year for which the claim is made  
unless an extension has been granted by the bureau.

20           3. Extensions. The Bureau of Taxation shall adopt rules  
22 for granting extensions of the filing period provided in  
24 subsection 2. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine  
technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

26    **SUMMARY**

28           This bill moves the filing date for the Maine Residents  
30 Property Tax Program to the period between January 1st and April  
15th beginning in 1998.