

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 733

House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Provide Tax Relief for Maine Senior Citizens.**

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 PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, NASS of Acton, SNOWE-MELLO
of Poland.

2 circumstances the property taxes of Maine citizens 65 years
of age or older?"

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

16 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
18 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
20 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

22 SUMMARY

24 This constitutional resolution allows the property taxes on
26 certain homesteads to be effectively frozen at the prevailing
rate provided that the property owner is a Maine resident who is
28 65 years of age or older, occupies the homestead property and
meets certain income criteria.