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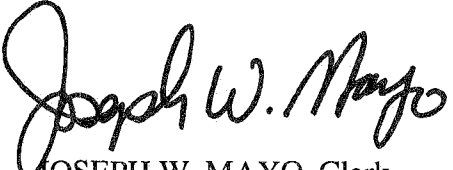
No. 1514

H.P. 1077

House of Representatives, March 13, 1997

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Require
That All Income and Sales Tax Increases Be Approved by Referendum.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, DONNELLY of Presque Isle,
LEMONT of Kittery, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, PLOWMAN of
Hampden, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

2 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

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

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10 **SUMMARY**

12 This constitutional resolution provides that, before an
increase in income tax or sales tax may take effect, the increase
14 must be approved by the voters. Voter approval is not required
if the Treasurer of State certifies and the Legislature accepts
16 that General Fund revenues have declined 20% or more in the
previous fiscal year.