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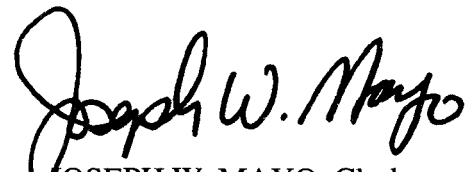
No. 359

H.P. 255

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or
Include a Tax or License Fee.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by Representative: ANDREWS of York,
Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MacDOUGALL of
North Berwick, MACK of Standish, MURPHY of Berwick, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators:
AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford.

2 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
4 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
6 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
8 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

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

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to require approval of 2/3 of each House of the Legislature to
22 enact or increase taxes or license fees except when inadequate
funds have been appropriated for debt payment.