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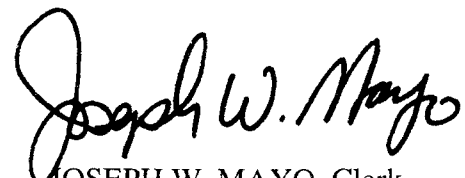
No. 964

H.P. 697

House of Representatives, February 4, 1999

An Act to Protect Personal Property.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERRY of Auburn, MENDROS of Lewiston.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §175-B is enacted to read:**

6 **§175-B. Limitation on seizure or sale of real estate**

8 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, privately owned
10 real estate may not be seized or sold under this chapter unless
12 the amount of delinquent taxes exceeds 50% of the value of the
14 real estate as most recently assessed by the municipality in
16 which the real estate is located or, in the case of real estate
18 located in the unorganized territory, as most recently assessed
20 by the State Tax Assessor.

22 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §946-B is enacted to read:**

24 **§946-B. Limitation on seizure or sale of real estate**

26 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, privately owned
28 real estate may not be seized or sold under this chapter unless
30 the amount of delinquent taxes exceeds 50% of the value of the
32 real estate as most recently assessed by the municipality in
34 which the real estate is located or, in the case of real estate
36 located in the unorganized territory, as most recently assessed
by the State Tax Assessor.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits state and local governments from seizing or selling privately owned real estate to pay for delinquent taxes unless the amount of the tax due exceeds 50% of the value of the real estate as most recently assessed by the municipality in which the real estate is located or, in the case of real estate located in the unorganized territory, as most recently assessed by the State Tax Assessor.