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H.P. 1282

House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

An Act to Require That Local Officials Take On-the-record Stands When They Are Responsible for Laws That Decrease Property Taxes.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representative MACK of Standish.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2608** is enacted to read:

6 **§2608. Position on record**

8 If a municipal official votes for or positively participates
10 in the enactment of an ordinance or regulation that decreases
12 property taxes or the tax base of the municipality, the official
14 shall state on the record the position that the official took in
the enactment of the ordinance or regulation. "State on the
record" means to make a public pronouncement that is recorded
either by town meeting, official city proceeding or published
notice.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a municipal official to make a public and
20 on-the-record statement of the official's position if the
22 municipal official votes for or positively participates in the
enactment of an ordinance or regulation that decreases property
taxes or the tax base of the municipality.