

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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Legislative Document

No. 2422

H.P. 1716

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow the Legislature to Provide for Assessment of Property Used for Commercial Fishing at Current Use.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery,  
LINDAHL of Northport, PERKINS of Penobscot, POWERS of Rockport, Senators:  
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MacKINNON of York.



2 for holding a general election, at the next general election in  
the month of November following passage of this resolution, to  
4 vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this  
resolution by voting upon the following question:

6 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow  
the Legislature to provide for the assessment of land and  
8 structures used primarily for commercial fishing purposes  
based on the current use of that property?"

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

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

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**SUMMARY**

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32 This constitutional resolution allows the Legislature to  
provide for the assessment of land and structures used primarily  
34 for commercial fishing purposes based on the current use of that  
property.