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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1833, L.D. 2569, "Resolve, to Authorize the Waldo County Commissioners to Borrow not more than \$400,000 to Build a Waldo County Communications and 9-1-1 Center"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Authorize the Waldo County Commissioners to Borrow not more than \$600,000 to Build a Waldo County Communications and 9-1-1 Center'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after the 4th indented paragraph the following:

'Whereas, the county commissioners must begin the necessary preparation of the ballot to be presented to voters of Waldo County; and'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$400,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$600,000'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "County." and inserting in its place the following: 'County; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification. Resolved: That this resolve must be submitted to the legal voters of Waldo County. The dates of submission must be determined by the Waldo County commissioners but may not be later than 18 months after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The Waldo County commissioners are authorized to expend the funds necessary to implement the referendum.

The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots on which the county commissioners shall state the subject matter of this resolve in the following question:

"Do you favor authorizing the Waldo County commissioners to borrow an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for construction of a communications and 9-1-1 center in Waldo County?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question.

This resolve takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this resolve equals or exceeds 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the county in the most recent gubernatorial election. If at the first election the total number of votes for and against acceptance of this resolve is less than 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the county in the most recent gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may submit the question to voters not more than one other time within the time prescribed in this section.

The results of the election must be declared by the Waldo County commissioners and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This resolve requires Waldo County to hold a referendum for ratification of the additional borrowing authorized by this

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2 resolve. The additional costs of this state mandate are
3 estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Pursuant to the
4 mandate preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to
5 each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement
6 to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

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SUMMARY

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12 This amendment changes the title, increases the amount that
13 may be borrowed from \$400,000 to \$600,000 and requires the Waldo
14 County commissioners to hold a county-wide referendum to obtain
15 voter authorization to borrow funds to build a communications and
16 9-1-1 center in Waldo County.

18 This amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal
note to the resolve.