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House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

**RESOLUTION, to Amend the Constitution of Maine to Dedicate Funds
for the Protection of Maine's Fish and Wildlife Resources.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and

Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP
of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SMITH of Van Buren,
Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

2 **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each
3 branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
4 amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

6 **Constitution, Art. IX, §24** is enacted to read:

8 **Section 24. Revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife**
9 **resource protection.** In addition to the appropriation of funds
10 required under section 22, 0.125% of revenues raised by means of
11 the Sales and Use Tax Law must be allocated to the Department of
12 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or any successor agency responsible
13 for fisheries and wildlife management, other than commercial
14 marine fisheries management, for the protection of the State's
15 fish and wildlife resources.

16 ; and be it further

18 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**
19 **date. Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall
20 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
21 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
22 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
23 following the first Monday of November following the passage of
24 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
25 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

26 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require
27 that one-eighth of one percent of the revenues collected
28 through the Sales and Use Tax be dedicated to the protection
29 of the State's fish and wildlife resources?"

30 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
31 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
32 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below
33 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
34 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
35 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
36 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
37 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
38 are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
39 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
40 Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further
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42 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
43 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
44 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
45 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.
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SUMMARY

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4 This constitutional amendment provides that 0.125% of sales
and use tax revenues be dedicated to the protection of the
State's fish and wildlife resources.