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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 307, L.D. 1054, Bill, "An
Act to Ensure Independent Decision Making in Appeals of Denials
22 of Abatement of Property Taxes"

24 Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the
enacting clause the following:

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

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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38 **'FISCAL NOTE**

40 This bill requires that county commissioners hear certain
42 additional appeals of denials of property tax abatement
requests. The additional costs of this state mandate can not be
44 determined. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the 2/3 vote of
all members elected to each House exempts the State from the
46 constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local
costs.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 307, L.D. 1054

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.