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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1582, L.D. 2087, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow the Legislature to Establish Classes of Property for Purposes of Taxation and to Exempt Personal Property from Taxation if there is an Excise Tax on Certain Personal Property"

Amend the amendment by inserting after that part relating to Article IX, section 8, subsection 6 the following:

'Constitution, Art. IX, §8-A is enacted to read:

Section 8-A. Budget bills. Any legislative measure that enacts a unified or supplemental budget for the operation of State Government requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each House.'

Further amend the amendment on page 2 in the question in the last line (page 2, line 5 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "grade 12" the following: 'and to provide that any legislative measure that enacts a unified or supplemental budget for the operation of State Government requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members of each House of the Legislature'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment adds a constitutional requirement that all budget bills receive an affirmative vote of 2/3 of each House for passage. If approved by the voters, the impact of this requirement on State Government can not be determined at this time.

HOUSE AMENDMENT


R. 015

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1582,
L.D. 2087

SUMMARY

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The bill, as amended by the committee amendment, proposes amending the Constitution of Maine to establish different maximum property tax rates for different classes of property for the purpose of funding public education. In order to ensure that the future funding of education is both equitable and broadly supported, this amendment requires that unified and supplemental budget bills, which generally contain the provisions for school funding, require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all the members of the Legislature.

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