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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" 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 striking out that part relating to Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§6 (page 1, lines 36 to 45 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Property taxes for education funding. The Legislature may permit a different tax rate to be applied to the just value of secondary residential property than is applied to the just value of all other classes of property for the portion of the property tax that is assessed for the purpose of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as defined by the Legislature. The Legislature shall establish the procedure to determine the tax rate for property under this subsection.

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

Section 24. Allocations from education reserve fund. Allocations from a reserve fund that sets aside funds for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.'

Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of the question (page 2, lines 2 to 5 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

2 ' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to permit
3 a tax rate to be applied to the just value of secondary
4 residential property that is different from that applied to
5 the just value of other property for the purpose of funding
6 public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and to
7 require that allocations from a reserve fund that sets aside
8 funds for such a purpose receive an affirmative vote of 2/3
9 of the Legislature?" '

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11 **SUMMARY**

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13 The resolution, as amended by Committee Amendment "A,"
14 proposed to permit the Legislature to establish different maximum
15 property tax rates for different classes of property for the
16 purpose of funding public education from kindergarten to grade
17 12. This amendment instead proposes to specify that the
18 Legislature may permit a different tax rate to be applied to the
19 just value of secondary residential property than is applied to
20 the just value of all other classes of property for the purpose
21 of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. This
22 amendment also proposes to require that allocations from a
23 reserve fund that sets aside funds for such a purpose receive an
24 affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members of the Legislature.

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