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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of** Maine to Allow Municipalities to Limit Property Taxes for Elderly Residents

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland and Representatives: GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, MOODY of Manchester, Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§6 is enacted to read: 6 6. Property owned by an elderly or disabled person. The 8 Legislature may provide that municipalities may reduce or limit taxes on real property if the owner of that real property is 10 elderly or disabled. 12 ; and be it further 14 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective 16 date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding 18 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of 20 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment 22 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question: 24 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow for reduced or limited property taxes on property owned by a person who is elderly or disabled?" 26 28 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a 30 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 32 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review 34 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim 36 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further 38 40 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution 42 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum. 44 **SUMMARY** 46 48 This constitutional resolution proposes to amend Constitution of Maine to allow the Legislature to enact a law Page 1-LR0084(1)

Constitutional amendment. Resolved:

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