

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 801

S.P. 280

In Senate, February 20, 2003

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature To  
Enact or Increase a Tax**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GILMAN of Cumberland, NASS of York, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, HEIDRICH of Oxford, NUTTING of Oakland, TREADWELL of Carmel.



2           eliminate tax exemptions except when inadequate funds have  
been appropriated for debt payment?"

4           The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a  
6           cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
8           counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
10          votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes  
12          are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim  
that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the  
14          Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it  
further

16                   **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the  
18          Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town  
and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution  
20          necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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#### SUMMARY

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26           This constitutional resolution requires approval of 2/3 of  
each House of the Legislature to enact or increase taxes or  
license fees or repeal existing tax exemptions except when  
28          inadequate funds have been appropriated for debt payment.