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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "#" to H.P. 695, L.D. 938

2	B. To reflect the just value of any improvements or
4	degradations to the property since the previous assessment.  If there is a change in ownership of the property, the base
4	property value must be adjusted to the just value of the
6	property on the April 1st preceding the change of ownership
U	or the purchase price, whichever is higher, and is subject
8	to subsequent adjustment as provided in this subsection.
U	The Legislature may enact legislation to provide for the
.0	administration of this subsection.
.2	Further amend the resolution on page 2 by striking out all
	of lines 4 to 9 and inserting in their place the following:
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	' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to
L <b>6</b>	require that property taxes on real property be based on the
	just value of the property on April 1, 2004 as adjusted for
L8	inflation, unless the property is transferred, in which case
	the property taxes would be based on the purchase price or
20	the just value on the preceding April 1st, whichever is higher?" '
22	nigher:
24	SUMMARY
26	This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It
	provides for amending the Constitution of Maine to establish a
28	different method of valuing real property for purposes of the
-0	property tax beginning April 1, 2005. Property taxes would be
30	based on the just value of the property on April 1, 2004, as
-	adjusted for inflation. If the real property is transferred, the
3 2	value would be adjusted to reflect the purchase price or the just
	value of the real property on the preceding April 1st, whichever
34	is higher.
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38	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
- 0	(See attached)

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Approved: 01/16/04



### 121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

#### LD 938

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Assessment of Lands Used for Long-term Ownership

#### LR 1832(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Taxation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes
Minority Report

#### **Fiscal Note**

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

**Referendum Costs** 

Month/Year

**Election Type** 

**Question** 

Length

Nov-04

General

Referendum

Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

If this constitutional resolution is approved by the voters and becomes effective, its implementation would produce a property tax burden shift among property owners within municipalities.