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House of Representatives, March 5, 2003

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Restrict an Increase in the Growth of the State Budget to
No Greater than 75% of the Rate of Growth of Per Capita Income**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KAELIN of Winterport.
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
JOY of Crystal, McKENNEY of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TARDY of Newport.

2 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
4 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
6 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
8 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it
further

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

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SUMMARY

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20 This constitutional resolution establishes a ceiling on the
growth of General Fund expenditures to limit the growth in state
22 spending to 75% of the growth in statewide personal income in the
prior calendar year, requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to
24 approve General Fund expenditures that exceed this ceiling and
requires that surplus funds be distributed in equal parts to the
26 unfunded liability of the Retirement System, to a budget
stabilization fund and to the voters.