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H.P. 868

House of Representatives, March 5, 2003

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Allow Municipalities To Assess 2nd Homes at up to Twice
the Valuation**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, JACKSON
of Fort Kent, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LERMAN of Augusta, McGOWAN of Pittsfield,
Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

2 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
4 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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10 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine
to require the Legislature to allow municipalities to impose an
12 additional property tax on secondary residential property in an
amount up to twice the mill rate imposed on primary residential
14 property. The revenue raised by this tax would be divided
equally among the taxing municipality, the General Fund and a
program, such as the so-called "circuit breaker program," that
16 provides property tax relief to elderly or low-income residents.