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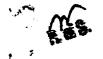
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L.D. 1629

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8	STATE OF MAINE				
10	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 121ST LEGISLATURE				
12	FIRST SPECIAL SESSION				
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14	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P.				
16	1209, L.D. 1629, "RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under				
	the Constitution of Maine To Create Municipal Service Districts				
18	To Reduce the Cost of Local Government, To Provide Property Tax				
	Relief and To Increase Economic Competitiveness"				
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	Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and				
22	replacing it with the following:				
24	'RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine To Provide Property Tax Relief'				
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	Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts A				
28	and B and inserting in their place the following:				
30	· PART A				
32	Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c.				
J.	670, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:				
34	ALAN 23, TO reposited and controlling property the brace.				
J -2	1. Benefit base, "Benefit base" means property taxes				
36	accrued on the first \$200,000 of taxable just value of the				
-	homestead or rent constituting property taxes accrued. In the				
38	case of property taxes accrued, the benefit base is determined by				
	multiplying \$200.000 by the ratio of current just value upon				
40	which the assessment is based as furnished in the assessor's				
	annual return to the State Tax Assessor filed in accordance with				
42	section 383 times the municipal tax rate. If the benefit base as				
	calculated in the previous sentence exceeds property taxes				
44	accrued, the property taxes accrued become the benefit base. In				
	the case of a claimant paying both rent and property taxes for a				
46	homestead. "benefit base" means both property taxes accrued as				
	limited by this subsection and rent constituting property taxes				
48	accrued.				

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1209,			
Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §6207, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:			
A claimant representing a nonelderly household qualifies for the following benefits subjecttothefollowingincome limitations.			
Sec. A-3. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:			
A-1. Fifty-percent-of-that <u>The</u> portion of the benefit base that exceeds 44-but-does-not-oscoed-8% <u>5%</u> of income plus 199%-of-that-portion-of-the-benefit-base-that-exceeds-8%-of income-to-a-manimum-payment-of-\$1,000.			
Sec. A-4. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is repealed.			
Sec. A-5. 36 MRSA §6209, as amended by PL 1989, c. 508, §25, is further amended to read:			
§6209. Annual adjustment			
1. Bousehold limitation adjustment. Beginning March 1, 1989, and annually thereafter, the State Tax Assessor shall determine the household income eligibility adjustment factor. That factor shall must be multiplied by the income limitations in section 6206, applicable for the year prior to that for which relief is requested. The result shall must be rounded to the nearest \$100 and shall must apply to the year for which relief is requested corresponding to the year on which the annualized cost of living adjustments were based. Beginning-March-1,-1991,-the same-procedure-shall-be-employed-te-adjust-the-income-limitation in-section-6207,-subsection-2.			

Sec. A-6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,

42 DEPARTMENT OF

- 44 Maine Residents Property Tax Program 0648
- Initiative: Appropriates funds required due to the expansion of the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

 General Fund
 2003-04
 2004-05

 50
 All Other
 \$0
 \$34,350,000

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HOUSE AMENDMENT



HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.F. 1209, L.D. 1629

2 .	General Fund Total	\$0	\$34,350,000
4	Revenue Services - Bureau of 0002		
5	Initiative: Provides funds for one effective July 1, 2004 and other related		
8	increase in the number of applications Property Tax Program.	for the Ma	ine Residents
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	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
12	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
	Personal Services	\$0	\$46,135
14	All Other	0	51,028
16	General Fund Total	\$0	\$97,163
18	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
20	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
22	General Fund	\$0	\$34,447,16 3
24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$34,447,163
26	Further amend the amendment on page	8 by striki	ing out all of
28 .	the question (page 8, lines 21 to 24 in in its place the following:	amendment)	and inserting
30	"Do you want property tax relief first \$200,000 of property valuation		
32	Maine residents?"'	•	
34	Further amend the amendment by reany nonconsecutive Part letter or		
36	consecutively.		
38	SUMMARY		
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42	This amendment provides property expansion of the Maine Residents Proper referred to as "the circuitbreaker prog	rty Tax Pro	gram, commonly,

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.F. 1209, L.D. 1629

increased state funding for education. It limits property taxes on the first \$200,000 of property valuation to 5% of income for all Maine residents.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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SPONSORED BY:

(Representative WOODBURY)

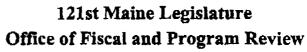
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HOUSE AMENDMENT





RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine To Provide Property Tax Relief



Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "C" Sponsor: Rep. Woodbury

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$0	\$34,447,163	\$35,772,548	\$16,930,826
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$0	\$34,447,163	\$35,772,548	\$16,930,826

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$34,447,163 in fiscal year 2004-05.

General Fund Summary	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Department of Audit savings due to the elimination of the municipal cap	\$0	\$0	(\$40,000)	(\$80,000)
Department of Education savings due to the elimination of the EPS changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$20,235,995)
Additional cost associated with the expansion of the Maine Residents Property Tax program	\$0	\$34,447,163	\$35,812,548	\$37,246,821
Net General Fund Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$34,447,163	\$35,772,548	\$16,930,826