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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

16 HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P.  
1209, L.D. 1629, "RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under  
the Constitution of Maine To Create Municipal Service Districts  
To Reduce the Cost of Local Government, To Provide Property Tax  
Relief and To Increase Economic Competitiveness"

20 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 Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Increasing Benefits  
26 under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program'

28 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts A  
and B and inserting in their place the following:

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**PART A**

34 **Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§§1 and 2,** as amended by PL 1997,  
c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, are further amended  
to read:

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38 **1. Benefit calculation.** For claimants representing a  
nonelderly household, the benefit is calculated as follows:

40 ~~A-1. Fifty-percent~~ For applications for benefits filed  
42 ~~during the application period beginning August 1, 2004, 80%~~  
of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 4% but does  
44 ~~not exceed 8% of income plus 100% of that portion of the~~  
benefit base that exceeds 8% 3% of income to a maximum  
46 payment of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000;



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

2	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$45,948,264
4	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$45,948,264</u>

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8 Further amend the amendment on page 5 by striking out all of  
the question (page 8, lines 21 to 24 in amendment) and inserting  
in its place the following:

10 'Do you want the State to relieve the burden on property tax  
12 by increasing property tax rebates to homeowners under the  
Maine Residents Property Tax Program?'

14 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
16 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment replaces Parts A and B of Committee Amendment  
C with a proposal to increase benefits under the Maine Residents  
24 Property Tax Program by increasing eligibility levels to \$45,000  
for single-member households and \$75,000 for multiple-member  
26 households and by increasing the portion of taxes that may be  
rebated to 80% of the amount by which the benefit base exceeds 3%  
28 of income in 2004, 2.75% of income in 2005 and 2.5% of income in  
2006.

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32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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38 SPONSORED BY: *Serlajane Percy*  
(Representative PERCY) 47

40 TOWN: Phippsburg  
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# HOUSE AMENDMENT

121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 1629

RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Increasing Benefits under the Maine Residents' Property Tax Program

LR 2165(11)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "C"

Sponsor: Rep. Percy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,948,264	\$55,447,022	\$65,794,098
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,948,264	\$55,447,022	\$65,794,098

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$45,948,264 in fiscal year 2004-05.