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House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

An Act To Facilitate Real Estate Ownership

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWEN of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to amend real property law to allow a
12 person who owns less than 100% of a parcel of property to gain
14 clear title to that parcel if the person can prove that the
parcel is in fact, if not in law, owned by the person. One
method of proof, similar to the adverse possession laws, would be
that the person made tax payments on the property for 20 years
and that no one else made tax payments during this time.