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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 351, L.D. 1011, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Maine Taxpayers' Bill of Rights"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1507, next to the last ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. C, §2, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §§1522 and 1523 are enacted to read:'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "\$1521." in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1521." and inserting in its place the following: '\$1522.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "\$1522." in the first line (page 1, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1522." and inserting in its place the following: '\$1523.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "\$1522." in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 2, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1994" and inserting in its place the following: '2044'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
3 "§1522." in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 18 in
4 L.D.) by striking out the following: "1994" and inserting in its
5 place the following: '2044'

6 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
7 "§1522." in subsection 4 in the last line (page 2, line 25 in
8 L.D.) by striking out the following: "1996" and inserting in its
9 place the following: '2046'

10 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the first paragraph
11 in the last line (page 2, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the
12 following: "1994" and inserting in its place the following: '2044'

13 Further amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 1 in the
14 first paragraph in the 16th line (page 3, line 6 in L.D.) by
15 striking out the following: "1992" and inserting in its place the
16 following: '2042'

17 Further amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 1 in the
18 2nd paragraph in the 3rd line from the end (page 3, line 28 in
19 L.D.) by striking out the following: "1992" and inserting in its
20 place the following: '2042'

21 Further amend the bill in section 9 by striking out all of
22 the first 2 lines (page 3, lines 35 to 37 in L.D.) and inserting
23 in their place the following:

24 'Sec. 9. 5 MRSA c. 167 is enacted to read:

25 CHAPTER 167

26 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
27 "§1991." in the first line (page 3, line 41 in L.D.) by striking
28 out the following: "§1991." and inserting in its place the
29 following: '§2041.'

30 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
31 "§1991." in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 2 in L.D.)
32 by striking out the following: "1993" and inserting in its place
33 the following: '2043'

34 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
35 "§1992." in the first line (page 4, line 8 in L.D.) by striking
36 out the following: "§1992." and inserting in its place the
37 following: '§2042.'

38 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
39 "§1993." in the first line (page 5, line 23 in L.D.) by striking
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2 out the following: "\$1993." and inserting in its place the
following: '\$2043.'

4 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
6 "\$1993." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 5,
line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1999" and
inserting in its place the following: '2049'

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10 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
12 "\$1994." in the first line (page 7, line 22 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "\$1994." and inserting in its place the
following: '\$2044.'

14 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
16 "\$1994." in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 7, line 29 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "1993" and inserting in its
place the following: '2043'

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20 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
22 "\$1994." in subsection 2 in the 7th line (page 8, line 1 in L.D.)
by striking out the following: "1993" and inserting in its place
the following: '2043'

24 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
26 "\$1994." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 8,
line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1993" and
inserting in its place the following: '2043'

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30 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
32 "\$1994." in subsection 4 in the last line (page 8, line 44 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "1993" and inserting in its
place the following: '2043'

34 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
36 "\$1995." in the first line (page 8, line 46 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "\$1995." and inserting in its place the
following: '\$2045.'

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40 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
42 "\$1995." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the last line (page 9,
line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1521" and
inserting in its place the following: '1522'

44 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
46 "\$1996." in the first line (page 9, line 44 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "\$1996." and inserting in its place the
following: '\$2046.'

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50 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
"\$1996." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the last line (page

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2 10, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1522" and
inserting in its place the following: '1523'

4 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
6 "~~§1997.~~" in the first line (page 10, line 23 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "~~§1997.~~" and inserting in its place the
8 following: '~~§2047.~~'

10 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
12 "~~§1997.~~" in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 10, line 30
in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1994" and inserting in
its place the following: '2044'

14 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
16 "~~§1998.~~" in the first line (page 10, line 36 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "~~§1998.~~" and inserting in its place the
18 following: '~~§2048.~~'

20 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
22 "~~§1998.~~" in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 10, line 39
in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1994" and inserting in
its place the following: '2044'

24 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
26 "~~§1999.~~" in the first line (page 10, line 47 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: "~~§1999.~~" and inserting in its place the
28 following: '~~§2049.~~'

30 Further amend the bill in section 10 in paragraph B in the
last line (page 11, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the
32 following: "1521" and inserting in its place the following: '1522'

34 Further amend the bill in section 11 in subsection 7 in the
last line (page 11, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the
36 following: "1521" and inserting in its place the following: '1522'

38 Further amend the bill in section 13 in the 3rd line (page
12, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following "1521" and
40 inserting in its place the following: '1522'

42 Further amend the bill in section 13 in the last line (page
12, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following "1521" and
44 inserting in its place the following: '1522'

SUMMARY

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This amendment makes technical changes to correct amending clauses, a chapter designation and section numbers to reflect the existence of laws previously enacted by the 122nd Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 05/19/05 *MCC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1011

LR 0919(02)

An Act To Establish the Maine Taxpayers' Bill of Rights

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined net fiscal impact - General Fund

Undetermined net fiscal impact - Highway Fund

Undetermined net fiscal impact - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation imposes limitations on state and local government expenditures, requires legislative and voter approval for certain tax and fee increases, modifies the distribution of General Fund year-end unappropriated surplus, proposes to return a portion of excess revenue each year from the General Fund to taxpayers and establishes a similar process for the Highway Fund by creating a Highway Budget Stabilization Fund.

The growth rate limitations for state and local government expenditures may result in future reductions of expenditures. For the General Fund, which is currently subject to statutory spending limitations, the limitations are more restrictive because the limitation is based on prior year's expenditures and not the appropriation limit and the limitation does not allow for the growth of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools above the limitation. However, based on current projections of the economic variables involved and the amount of General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations enacted through the 122nd Legislature, 1st Regular Session, General Fund and Highway Fund budgeted amounts for the 2006-2007 biennium are within the growth limits of this bill. If expenditures in fiscal year 2004-05 or fiscal year 2005-06 are below budgeted amounts, downward adjustments to General Fund appropriations or Highway Fund allocations may be required for subsequent years. The impact on General Fund and Highway Fund budgets in the 2008-2009 biennium can not be determined at this time.

The net impact of the provisions of this bill on other state funds, quasi-governmental agencies and local units of government can not be determined at this time.

This bill also requires the State to reimburse municipalities for certain election costs. The estimated reimbursement costs for each statewide election are estimated to be \$830,000, which includes \$400,000 for municipal costs for each statewide general election and \$430,000 for required statewide mailings. The amounts and timing of the additional General Fund appropriations required will depend on the number of instances in which reimbursable elections take place and can not be determined at this time.