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Date: 11/17/08

L.D. 543  
(Filing No. H-656)

**TAXATION**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 421, L.D. 543, "Resolve, To Establish the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Review Committee"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Direct a Review of Issues Concerning the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Review of Maine Tree Growth Tax Law issues. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Conservation shall convene a task force of interested parties to review the issues in this section related to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law:

1. The advisability of revising the timing and method of determining the forest growth rate portion and the current method of determining regional and county differences in stumpage values of the statutory formula for determining tree growth tax values;

2. Whether data supports the perception that some land is being classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law that does not meet statutory requirements or the purpose of the law as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 572. In order to complete this task, the task force shall analyze data collected by the Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service; the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services; municipalities; and any other reliable source; and

3. The best methods for ensuring that municipalities and landowners are aware of the requirements of the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and the availability of assistance from the Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service in determining eligibility and meeting the ongoing requirements of the law; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





Approved: 01/03/08 *MAC*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 543

LR 1353(02)

**Resolve, To Establish the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Review Committee**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Taxation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this bill can be absorbed by the Department of Conservation and Maine Revenue Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.