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H.P. 609

House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

**An Act to Lower the Amount of Seized Currency in a Criminal
Asset Forfeiture over Which the Currency May Be Transferred to
the Federal Government**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §5821, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 454, §5, is amended to
3 read:

4 Unless seized property under this section includes United States currency in excess of
5 ~~\$100,000~~ \$15,000, a law enforcement agency, prosecuting authority, state agency, county
6 or municipality may not enter into an agreement to transfer or refer property seized under
7 this section to a federal agency directly, indirectly, through adoption, through an
8 intergovernmental joint task force or by other means that circumvent the provisions of this
9 section.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill decreases from \$100,000 to \$15,000 the amount of seized currency over which
12 a state governmental agency, county or municipality may enter into an agreement to
13 transfer or refer to a federal agency seized property of an owner convicted of a crime.