## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 403

In Senate, March 2, 2023

An Act to Expand Access to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, HASENFUS of Readfield, RANA of Bangor.

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

- **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §681, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 647, §2 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:
- 2. Homestead. "Homestead" means any residential property, including cooperative property or property owned by a limited liability company as defined in Title 31, section 1502, subsection 14 that contains 4 or fewer units and where a member of the limited liability company has a permanent residence, in this State that is assessed as real property owned by an applicant or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the applicant and occupied by the applicant as the applicant's permanent residence or owned by a cooperative housing corporation or limited liability company and occupied as a permanent residence by a resident who is a qualifying shareholder of the cooperative housing corporation or a member of the limited liability company. A "homestead" does not include any real property used solely for commercial purposes.

14 SUMMARY

This bill provides that property is eligible for the homestead property tax exemption if the property is owned by a limited liability company and occupied as a permanent residence by a member of the limited liability company.