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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE

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of the

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1983

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to require two-thirds vote of the elected members of the Legislature to expend any principal amount of the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund or any successor funds?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on these questions, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendments, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendments shall become part of the Constitution on January 1, 1984.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective Pending Referendum.

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 1042 - L.D. 1349

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide that the State may Enact Property Tax Exemptions Relating to Watercraft not Subject to Fifty Percent Reimbursement.

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §23, as enacted by CR 1977, c. 5, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

This section shall allow, but not require, reimbursements for statutory property tax exemptions or credits for watercraft.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city

aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to allow the State to create a property tax exemption for watercraft without being required to reimburse municipalities for fifty percent of the property tax revenue loss?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on January 1, 1984.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective Pending referendum.