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LD 2056 / HP1452

An Act To Replace Municipal Revenues Subject to Business Equipment Property Tax Exemption. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Representative BOWLES of Sanford; Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, CLOUGH of Scarborough, CUMMINGS of Portland, GLYNN of South Portland, LINDELL of Frankfort, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond, TARDY of Newport, VAUGHAN of Durham, WATSON of Bath, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: COURTNEY of York, EDMONDS of Cumberland, PERRY of Penobscot. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. Public Hearing 03/16/06. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/28/06. Amended by: CA H-1078. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/04/06, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 623.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

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