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**STATE OF MAINE  
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125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 369, L.D. 1248, Bill, “An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact or Increase a Tax or Fee”

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

**'An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact or Increase a Tax Generating at Least \$10,000,000'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1522** is enacted to read:

**§1522. Approval of enactment or increase of tax of \$10,000,000 or more**

**1. Approval.** A measure enacted by the Legislature that would create or increase a tax generating \$10,000,000 or more annually may not take effect until the measure has been approved by the voters at the next scheduled statewide election unless the measure is passed by a vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each chamber of the Legislature.

**2. Ballot information.** The Secretary of State shall prepare the following information regarding a measure requiring voter approval under subsection 1. This information must be posted on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website and be included on the ballot:

- A. The tax being increased and the amount of the increase;
- B. The purpose of the increase; and
- C. The projected revenue resulting from the increase for the first 4 years after the increase.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and requires the creation or increase of a tax generating \$10,000,000 or more annually to be

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1 approved by the voters unless the measure is approved by a vote of 2/3 of all the  
2 members elected to each chamber of the Legislature. It also removes the requirement that  
3 the Secretary of State prepare information about how the projected new revenue is  
4 intended to be used.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**