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House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

An Act Concerning Adverse Possession

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, ESPLING of New Gloucester, GUERIN of Glenburn, LIBBY of Lewiston, NUTTING of Oakland, PETERSON of Rumford.

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

2 Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §816-A is enacted to read:

## 3 §816-A. Payment of taxes by owner of record

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A person may not claim ownership of property through adverse possession against an
owner of record who has paid property taxes on the property during the period for which
the person claiming ownership has asserted being in possession of the property.

**SUMMARY** 

8 This bill provides that a person may not use a claim of adverse possession to gain 9 ownership of property against an owner of record who has paid property taxes on the 10 property during the period for which the claimant has asserted being in possession of the 11 property.