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In Senate, March 22, 2011

**An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact
or Increase a Tax or Fee**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senator: THOMAS of Somerset, Representatives: CURTIS of Madison,
CUSHING of Hampden, HARMON of Palermo, McKANE of Newcastle.

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

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

3 **§1522. Voter approval of enactment or increase of tax or fee**

4 **1. Approval.** A measure enacted by the Legislature that would create or increase a
5 tax or fee may not take effect until the measure has been approved by the voters at the
6 next scheduled statewide election.

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

11 A. The tax or fee being increased and the amount of the increase;

12 B. The purpose of the increase;

13 C. The projected revenue resulting from the increase for the first 4 years after the
14 increase; and

15 D. How the projected new revenue is intended to be used.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides that a measure enacted by the Legislature that would create or
18 increase a tax or fee may not take effect until the measure has been approved by the
19 voters at the next statewide election and requires the Secretary of State to post
20 information regarding the measure on its website and include the information on the
21 ballot.