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

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Create a Property Tax Exemption for Lobster Traps**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

**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. IX, §8, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Lobster traps.** Beginning with property tax year 2007, lobster traps are exempt from taxation as personal property.

; and be it further

**Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That the municipal officers 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 general election, at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide a property tax exemption for lobster traps?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must 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 cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

**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 purpose of this referendum.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment creates a resolution to amend the Constitution of Maine to establish a property tax exemption for lobster traps.