

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 658

H.P. 426

House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Increasing the Homestead **Property Tax Exemption**

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

R(+ B. Hunt ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, EDER of Waterboro, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PARRY of Arundel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §683, sub-§1-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. H, §2, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7 8	1-B. Additional exemption. A homestead eligible for an exemption under subsection 1 is eligible for an additional exemption of \$5,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on April 1, 2016, \$10,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on April 1, 2017, April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019, and \$15,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on april 1, 2017, April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019, and \$15,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on or after
9 10	April 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, April 1, 2022, April 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024 and \$40,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2025.
11	SUMMARY
12 13	This bill increases the property tax exemption for a homestead from \$25,000 to \$50,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2025.