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An Act To Update the Property Tax Exemption for Parsonages

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §652, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 1971, c. 111, is further amended to read:

G. Houses of religious worship, including vestries, and the pews and furniture within the same; tombs and rights of burial; and property owned and used by a religious society as a parsonage to the value of ~~\$20,000~~\$100,000, and personal property not exceeding \$6,000 in value, but so much of any parsonage as is rented is liable to taxation. For purposes of the tax exemption provided by this paragraph a parsonage ~~shall mean~~means the principal residence provided by a religious society for its ~~clergyman~~cleric whether or not located within the same municipality or place as the house of religious worship where the ~~clergyman~~cleric regularly conducts religious services.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the property tax exemption for a parsonage from \$20,000 to \$100,000.