

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 684

House of Representatives, February 14, 1973

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Municipal Tax Base Sharing.

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

R. S., T. 30, c. 240-B, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 240-B, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 240-B
TAX BASE SHARING

§ 4996. Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to increase the likelihood of orderly development and to provide an incentive for coordinated multi-community economic development by permitting 2 or more communities to share the commercial and industrial tax base generated through economic growth.

§ 4997. Tax base sharing agreement

1. Agreement. Any 2 or more municipalities may, by vote of their legislative bodies, enter into an agreement to share a percentage of the real and personal property taxes generated from the growth of commercial and industrial assessed valuation located within their respective communities.

2. Specifications. Any such agreement shall specify:

- A. A duration to be not less than 5 years;
- B. A base year commercial and industrial valuation;
- C. The percentage of the commercial and industrial real valuation growth that will be shared;

D. The formulae for sharing the property taxes generated through taxation of the real and personal commercial and industrial property valuation increases;

E. The method and dates for payment of the tax revenues to be shared;

F. Any other necessary and proper matters.

§ 4998. Filing of agreement

Prior to its entry into force, any agreement made pursuant to this chapter shall be filed with the clerk of each municipality and with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable legislation that will permit 2 or more communities to enter into agreements to share the growth of their commercial and industrial tax base. The statement of purpose outlined in the bill outlines some of the potential advantages.