

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 814

S.P. 245

In Senate, February 6, 1997

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**An Act to Amend the Distribution of Revenue Sharing.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

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**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**4. Sharing the Local Government Fund.** Money credited to the Local Government Fund shall must be distributed on the basis of a formula which that provides a varying amount of per capita revenue sharing aid to communities based upon the comparative tax burden of each municipality. Those municipalities having a greater property tax burden would receive a larger per capita revenue-sharing distribution.

The portion of the Local Government Fund to be distributed to each municipality shall in fiscal year 1998 must be in proportion to the product of the population of the municipality multiplied by that portion of the municipality's property tax burden of the municipality that exceeds .05. In each subsequent fiscal year, this figure must be increased by .01 per year until a figure of .10 is reached effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2003.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Q, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Treasurer of State.** An amount equal to 5.1% of the receipts from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and credited to the General Fund must be transferred by the Treasurer of State to the Local Government Fund on the first day of each month beginning August 1, 1992. Beginning in fiscal year 1998, this figure must be 5.5% and must be increased by .1% in each fiscal year after 1998 until a figure of 6% is reached effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2003.

The Treasurer of State shall distribute the balance in the Local Government Fund on the 20th day of each month.

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the method for distribution of general purpose aid so that relief given to a school district is targeted to towns within the district that specifically need the aid.