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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1593, L.D. 2241, "Resolve, to
Modify the State Valuation for the Sappi Plant in the City of
Westbrook for Purposes of Education Funding"

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

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'**Resolve, to Modify the State Valuation for the City of Westbrook
and the Town of Livermore Falls for Purposes of Education Funding**'

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Further amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by
inserting after the 6th "**Whereas,**" paragraph the following:

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'**Whereas,** the Town of Livermore Falls derives a large
portion of its tax valuation from the presence of the property of
Northeast Empire Limited Partnership; and

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'**Whereas,** the Town of Livermore Falls has granted an
abatement to Northeast Empire Limited Partnership that results in
a substantial loss in tax base for the 1999 tax year; and

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'**Whereas,** this situation results in a significant and
unanticipated burden on the property taxpayers in the Town of
Livermore Falls, especially with regard to education funding; and'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2
and inserting in its place the following:

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'**Sec. 2. Modify 1999 state valuations. Resolved:** That,
notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 1999
state valuation for the Town of Livermore Falls, for the purposes
of calculating school appropriations, must be based on a
valuation that values the property of Northeast Empire Limited

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Partnership in the Town of Livermore Falls at \$23,809,523; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Transfer. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the close of fiscal year 1998-99, the State Controller shall transfer to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account in the Department of Education from the available balance in the General Fund after the deduction of all appropriations, financial commitments or other designated funds an amount up to \$795,100 of lapsed balances from the amounts appropriated from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the All Other line category. The amount transferred represents the additional school subsidy amounts that result from reducing the state valuation of certain property for the purpose of calculating school subsidy and includes \$705,121 for the City of Westbrook and \$89,979 for the Town of Livermore Falls.'

FISCAL NOTE

The amendment eliminates the General Fund appropriation in the bill of \$705,121 in fiscal year 1999-00. The amendment also authorizes the transfer of up to \$795,100 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program in the Department of Education for the additional school subsidy requirements that result from reducing the state valuation of certain property in the City of Westbrook and the Town of Livermore Falls, from amounts that would otherwise lapse to the General Fund from the All Other line category.

The transfer amount includes \$705,121 for the City of Westbrook and \$89,979 for the Town of Livermore Falls. These estimated subsidy increases are based on the school subsidy distribution method currently in effect. If the amendments proposed to the school subsidy distribution method which are included in the "Part II" budget bill, L.D. 617 as amended, are enacted, the amounts that will be required will increase to \$779,844 for the City of Westbrook and \$99,517 for the Town of Livermore Falls. The Department of Education may require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$84,261 in fiscal year 1999-00 for this additional subsidy amount in order to avoid a redistribution of subsidy between all school administrative units.

SUMMARY

This amendment establishes the state valuation, for the calculation of school appropriations, for the Northeast Empire Limited Partnership property in the Town of Livermore Falls at \$23,809,523 for fiscal year 1999-00. It also authorizes the

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2 transfer of up to \$795,100 from certain fiscal year 1998-99
lapsed balances to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
4 account for additional school subsidy costs of the City of
Westbrook and the Town of Livermore Falls.

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SENATE AMENDMENT