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House of Representatives, May 24, 1999

SEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Resolve, to Modify the State Valuation for the Sappi Plant in the City of Westbrook for Purposes of Education Funding.

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative GAGNON for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1584.

50	All Other \$705,121
48	General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
46	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
44	1999-00
42	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.
40	Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
38	that values the property of Sappi Fine Paper North America in the City of Westbrook at \$140,000,000; and be it further
36	state valuation for the City of Westbrook, for the purposes of calculating school appropriations, must be based on a valuation
34	Sec. 1. Modify 1999 state valuations. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 1999
32	safety; now, therefore, be it
30	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
28	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
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24	suffer through the loss of significant revenues based on the decreased valuation of the Sappi Fine Paper North America plant;
22	Whereas, unless immediate action is taken to account for this decrease in valuation, the City of Westbrook will also
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18	the plant has decreased immensely, causing a decrease in property tax revenues for the City of Westbrook; and
16	Whereas, not only will this closure adversely affect approximately 315 employees, but also the property valuation of
14	coated base paper at the facility in the City of Westbrook; and
12	Whereas, Sappi Fine Paper North America has recently announced the closure of its pulp mill and a machine that makes
10	plant, now owned by Sappi Fine Paper North America; and
8	Whereas, the City of Westbrook derives a large portion of its tax valuation from the presence of the former S.D. Warren
6	strong effect on the calculation of school appropriations; and
4	Whereas, the value of property within a municipality has a
2	Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the

2	Provides funds for the increase in school subsidy payments for the City of Westbrook
4	that result from reducing the state valuation of certain property for the
6	purpose of the calculation of school subsidy.
8	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.
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12	FISCAL NOTE 1999-00
14	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
16	General Fund \$705,121
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20	Reducing the state valuation for the City of Westbrook for the purpose of calculating school subsidy will increase the
22	amount of subsidy payable to the city by \$705,121 in fiscal year 1999-00. Based on total General Fund appropriations for school
24	subsidy for fiscal year 1999-00 provided in Public Law 1999, chapter 16, and since subsidy allocation estimates for fiscal
26	year 1999-00 have already been provided to school administrative units, the resolve includes a General Fund appropriation to the
28	Department of Education in the amount of \$705,121 to avoid a redistribution and reduction of subsidy to other school
30	administrative units.
32	SUMMARY
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2.6	This resolve establishes the state valuation, for purposes
36	of calculation of school appropriations, for the Sappi Fine Paper North America plant located in the City of Westbrook at
38	\$140,000,000 for fiscal year 1999-00.