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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND SEVENTY

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AN ACT Relating to Annual Reports of Counties.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the several counties are about to prepare their annual reports; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to simplify these county reports so that they will be more meaningful to the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, such simplification will result in saving money for the counties and prevent confusion in understanding the financial condition of the several counties; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 411, sub-§ 2, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 2 of section 411 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 278 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. **Record of financial transactions.** It shall contain a record of all financial transactions of the county during the last fiscal year, showing all revenue receipts by sources and showing all disbursements for each department by major items of expense comparable with the approved budgetary expenditure classifications under the captions of personal services, contractual services, commodities, debt service and capital expenditures.

This reporting to be made in such manner or format recommended by the State Department of Audit.

**Sec. 2. Applicability.** The requirements of section 1 shall apply to annual reports of counties for the year 1969 and thereafter.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.