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Presented by Senator Carswell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Disposition of Taxes Collected in Indian Township,
Washington County

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4833-A, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4833-A, to read as follows:

§ 4833-A. Taxes

All real estate and personal property taxes assessed and collected in Indian Township, Washington County by the State shall be kept in escrow by the State for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians until such time as a release of such funds has been obtained from the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe claims that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, when Maine and Massachusetts separated and Maine became a state, deeded lands to them. It is claimed that the Passamaquoddy Indians have never released these lands to the State of Maine but Maine is collecting the taxes on such lands and has leased them to non-Indians. A court case is pending in the Massachusetts courts.