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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk  
Presented by Mr. Farrington of China.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Authorizing Legislature to Change Specific Line  
Categories in the County Estimates.**

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

Whereas, the Legislature is charged with approving the several county budgets; and

Whereas, decisions have been rendered disallowing reducing or cutting single items from county budgets under present law; and

Whereas, it appears to be an irresponsible procedure to change the total amount of the budget without being assured that such changes take place on items where study reveals change is necessary and the Legislature finally accepts such change; 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, § 253, amended.** The last paragraph of section 253 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

A copy of said estimates, with any amendments attached thereto adopted by the Legislature, including any changes in specific line categories, for the assessment of the county taxes, shall be filed by the Legislature with the State Auditor who shall retain the same for a period of 3 years, and shall be a public record at the office of the clerk of courts in all counties.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 253-A, additional.** Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 253-A to read as follow:

**§ 253-A. Specific line categories**

**The Legislature shall have the power to change or alter specific line categories within the county estimates.**

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

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

**The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.**