

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1638

H. P. 1333

House of Representatives, March 29, 1973

Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Apportionment of County Tax.

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

Whereas, under present law the county tax must be apportioned upon the towns in the month of March; and

Whereas, the Federal Government's guidelines as to percentage of salary increases is not yet clear; and

Whereas, it is impossible to judge the amount of federal revenue sharing; and

Whereas, the following legislation to change the apportionment to the month of April is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship and confusion on the several counties and municipalities of the State; 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:

R. S., T. 30, § 254, amended. The first sentence of section 254 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

When a county tax is authorized, the county commissioners shall, in ~~March~~ **April** in the year for which such tax is granted, apportion it upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the

payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall be effective March 31, 1973.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.