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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

106TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 895, L.D. 2488, sill, "AN ACT to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 33 the following new section:

'Sec. 33-A. R.S., T. 20, §3713, sub-§2, amended.

Subsection 2 of section 3713 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 556 of the public laws of 1973, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

The school tax assessed by the State Tax Assessor on April 1st shall be used in determining the payments, if any, to the units for the subsequent state fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. For 1974, twice the school tax levied by the State Tax Assessor shall be used in determining the payments, if any, to the units for the state's fiscal year, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Administrative units are authorized to borrow in anticipation of the state-local allocation as funds may be needed prior to the close of the state's fiscal year, but not to exceed at any one time the authorized state-local allocation.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 35 the following new section:

'Sec.35-A. R.S.,T. 20, §3713, sub-§3, ¶E, amended.
Paragraph E of subsection 3 of section 3713 of Title
10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1
of chapter 556 of the public laws of 1973, is amended
by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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Except that in 1974, if the unit's school tax rate for the preceding year is less than twice the school tax rate determined by the State Tax Assessor as required in Title 36, sections 451 and 453, and if double the school tax levied by the State Tax Assessor is greater than the unit's school tax rate of the preceding year by more than 2 1/2 mills on state valuation adjusted to 100%, the commissioner shall notify the municipal officers of the units affected as required by Title 36, section 453.

Further amend said Bill in section 44 by striking out in the 6th line (5th line in L.D.) of the 2nd paragraph of that part designated "5451." before the underlined word "12x" the word "12x" and insert in place thereof the following:

"A tax is assessed at a rate that is equivalent to 25% of the estimated total state public school education costs as certified by the commissioner, divided by the total of the most recent state valuation adjusted upward to the nearest 1/4 mill as filed under section 381 at 100% state valuatic for the tax year 1974. Thereafter, a'

Further amend said Bill in section 44 by striking out in the 2nd and 3rd lines (2nd line in L.D.) of the 3rd paragraph of that part designated "§451." after the underlined word "assessed" the following underlined words: "and collected during the year July 1st to June 30th by" and inserting in place thereof the following: "upon'

Further amend said Bill in section 44 by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of the amendment is to clarify to procedures during the initial year of the new school funding law.

NAME:

COUNTY: Androscoggin

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