

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1868

H. P. 1552

House of Representatives, April 29, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10, without printing or reference to Committee and sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from
April to May in the Year 1975.

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

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

Whereas, the inflationary impact on county budgets is so great that it will be impossible to assess during 1975 the county tax within the time allowed; and

Whereas, the following extension of time will prevent undue hardship in resolving such; and

Whereas, the following legislation to temporarily change the apportionment to the month of May 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:

30 MRSA § 254-A is enacted to read:

§ 254-A. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254 when a county tax is authorized, for the year 1975, the county commissioners shall, in May 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 take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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