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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

   Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-five and Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-six.

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

Whereas, the several counties hereinafter named have certain expenses and liabilities which must be met as they become due; and

Whereas, it is necessary that the taxes for the year 1975 hereinafter mentioned be immediately assessed, in order to provide the required revenue for the several counties; 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

County taxes apportioned. Resolved: That the sums appearing opposite to the names of the counties in the following schedule are hereby granted as a tax on each county respectively, to be appropriated, assessed, collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts and necessary expenses of the same and for purposes of law, for the years 1975 and 1976, except that such sums as relate to 1976 shall be reduced by the amounts made available by the Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 408. The approval of the second year of the budgets, 1976, for the counties is made subject to later review and possible revision by the Legislature, provided that until such review and revision

is completed, the counties shall continue to appropriate, assess and collect taxes as herein provided.

COUNTY	1975	1976
Androscoggin	$ 767,408	$ 734,352
Aroostook	646,694	666,367
Cumberland	1,661,745	1,964,662
Franklin	319,008	337,917
Hancock	475,246	511,020
Kennebec	836,342	1,000,642
Knox	406,400	350,090
Lincoln	545,068	528,420
Oxford	484,996	544,225
Penobscot	1,160,987	1,047,179
Piscataquis	221,358	220,403
Sagadahoc	335,548	326,637
Somerset	441,472	443,387
Waldo	375,805	391,001
Washington	376,099	351,327
York	676,553	657,764

The foregoing figures represent the total amount of taxes authorized for each year of the biennium. These figures are based upon budgets approved by the Legislature and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, upon this resolve becoming effective, shall forward to the chairman of the commissioners of each county, a certified copy of each county's budget in summary form and shall provide specific total amounts for personal services, contractual services, commodities, debt service, capital expenditures and contingent.

The county commissioners of each county are granted, where necessary, the authority to appropriate, assess and collect in the year 1976 such additional tax as will enable them to restore the contingent account to its established amount as specified in the budgets approved by the 107th Legislature. Before such additional tax may be levied, the county commissioners shall transfer to the contingent account those funds described in the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 252 and 408.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Resolve is to lay county taxes for the years 1975 and 1976.