

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2076

H. P. 1896

House of Representatives, January 23, 1976

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Concerning the Calculation of State Aid to Municipalities for the
Care of Highways and Bridges.

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

Whereas, the cost-sharing for construction and reconstruction of state aid highways and bridges is based on state valuation; and

Whereas, several towns hold their annual town meetings in March to raise and appropriate money for the care of highways and bridges; 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:

23 MRSA § 1101, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 620, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Towns having a valuation of less than \$32,000,000 which were once 2 separate areas served under separate charters, unorganized territories or combinations thereof may again, subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation, be considered as separate areas and may assign $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total valuation to each of 2 areas for the purpose of calculating the amount which may be appropriated under this section. This provision shall also

apply to any apportionments or appropriations made under sections 1102, 1103 and 1104.

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

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated maximum additional cost to the State would amount to approximately \$55,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Several municipalities have been formed from former separate areas served under separate charters, unorganized territories or combinations thereof and these communities have expressed an interest in appropriating additional state aid moneys to take care of special road problems resulting from these consolidations.