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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
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**AN ACT Relating to Monthly School Tax Payments by
Municipal Treasurers to the Treasurer of State.**

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

Whereas, municipalities must often borrow money to make periodic payments of the uniform property tax to the Treasurer of State; and

Whereas, the Treasurer of State returns these funds to the municipalities within 4 days thereafter; and

Whereas, the cost of borrowing money creates an additional tax burden on the citizens of the municipalities; 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:

36 MRSA § 453, first ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 272, § 38, is amended by adding after the 3rd sentence the following new sentences:

Such payments by a municipal treasurer for a municipality shall be made by submission of a credit voucher to the Treasurer of State, the amount of the vouchered to be offset against the amount allocated on a monthly basis to that municipality pursuant to Title 20, section 3713. If the amount of the credit voucher exceeds the total allocation of the unit, the treasurer of the municipi-

pality shall pay to the Treasurer of State the difference, on a monthly basis, after the amount of the total allocation has been exhausted. Municipalities which are members of School Administrative Districts or community school districts under general law or special act shall submit credit vouchers to the Treasurer of State for amounts paid to the governmental organization which provides education for children from that municipality. When any municipality fails to file such monthly vouchers certifying that appropriate payments have been made, the Treasurer of State shall take whatever action is necessary to ensure prompt statutory compliance. The Treasurer of State shall have the authority and is required to draw up reasonable guidelines to assist municipal officials in carrying out their duties under this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.