

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 102

H. P. 82

House of Representatives, January 18, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain 1976 County Taxes on Account of
Insufficient Appropriation.**

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, the several counties hereinafter named have presented valid claims for reimbursement of 1976 county taxes collected by the Bureau of Taxation through property taxation in the unorganized territory; and

Whereas, these taxes have been credited to the General Fund with insufficient appropriation to make reimbursement as required by the Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 342; 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

Reimbursements to be paid to counties. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$61,132.61 to pay the following claims presented by counties for 1976 taxes collected in the unorganized territory not paid by reason of insufficient appropriation in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 36, sections 342 and 1147:

Counties	Totals
Aroostook	\$12,797.85
Franklin	6,997.90
Hancock	404.19
Kennebec	8.48
Knox	35.10
Lincoln	27.87
Oxford	4,054.02
Penobscot	5,122.04
Piscataquis	12,210.81
Somerset	13,511.46
Washington	5,962.89
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	\$61,132.61

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to a shortage of \$61,132.61 in Appropriation 1070.3, it is necessary to present an emergency resolve to facilitate payments to the affected counties.

The authority for these payments is found in Title 36, sections 342 and 1147.

It should be pointed out that this appropriation is misnamed "Tree Growth Tax Law" when it actually represents collections for county taxes and public services in the unorganized territory Property Tax which is distributed back to the counties.

This appropriation should be available for incorporation in the fourth quarter, 1976-77 distribution.