

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1028

H. P. 843

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville, referred to Committee on Taxation.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Repeal the Uniform Property Tax.

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

Whereas, it is the intent of this bill to repeal the uniform property tax; and

Whereas, the question of repeal is of great importance to the people of Maine and must be dealt with as soon as possible to avoid fiscal confusion at local, county and state levels; 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:

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 3742, 1st and 2nd paragraphs, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at least 50% of the cost of operation of the public schools from General Fund revenue sources.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3747, sub-§ 8, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 754, § 3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA § 451, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA § 452, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA § 453, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 754, § 6, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA § 453-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 754, § 7, is repealed.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the uniform state property tax and returns to the municipalities the authority to set the property tax rate for public school purposes.