

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1096

H. P. 887

House of Representatives, March 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville, referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Lower the Uniform Property Rate to 6½ Mills.

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

Whereas, a reduction of the uniform property tax is of the greatest urgency to the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, the following legislation reducing the mill rate from 12.5 to 6.5 mills is vitally necessary to accomplish that goal; 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 § 451, sub-§ 2, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is amended to read:

The uniform property tax rate shall be 13 mills for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending June 30, 1977, and ~~12.5~~ 6.5 mills thereafter for the period beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to provide an alternative rate for the uniform property tax for legislative consideration.