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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-155)
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SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 932, L.D. 1129, Bill, "AN ACT
Concerning the Municipal Refund Claims for the Tree Growth
Reimbursement."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'36 MRSA §578, sub-§1, as last amended by PSSL 1975, c. 78,
§21, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Organized areas. The municipal assessors or chief
assessor of a primary assessing area shall adjust the State
Tax Assessor's 100% valuation per acre for each forest type
of their county by whatever ratio, or percentage of current
just value, is then being applied to other property within the
municipality to obtain the assessed values. Forest land in the
organized areas, subject to taxation under this subchapter,
shall be taxed at the property tax rate applicable to other
property in the municipality, which rate shall be applied to
the assessed values so determined. For any tax year in which
a municipality has a situation where the aggregate tax assessed
on lands classified under this subchapter is less than 90%
of the aggregate tax assessed on the same lands in 1972, the
municipality shall have a valid claim against the State to recover
the taxes lost to the extent that such loss exceeds a 10%
loss from 1972, upon proof of the facts in form satisfactory
to the State Tax Assessor.

The State Tax Assessor is authorized to make provisional payment

of up to 75% of any municipal claim found to be in satisfactory form. The payment shall be made within 90 days after receipt of a satisfactory claim and shall be presented for final settlement to the Legislature next convening.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the administrative provisions of the bill by authorizing the State Tax Assessor instead of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to make provisional payments of municipal claims.

(Jackson)

NAME:

COUNTY: Cumberland

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