

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1129

H. P. 932

House of Representatives, March 22, 1977

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning the Municipal Refund Claims for the Tree Growth
Reimbursement.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

36 MRSA § 578, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 501, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to make provisional payment of up to 75% of any municipal claim found by them to be in satisfactory form. The payment shall be made within 90 days after July 1st in the calendar year in which the claim is presented to the commission, and shall be subject to final settlement of the claim by the Legislature next convening, and any reimbursement which may be ordered by that Legislature. Such claim shall be presented for total final settlement to the Legislature next convening.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would permit municipalities making claims against the State under the tree growth tax to obtain provisional payment of up to 75% of the claim in the year in which the claim is presented to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration rather than waiting until the Legislature next convenes. The Legislature would make final settlement of all claims.