

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1237

H. P. 1146

House of Representatives, March 30, 1977

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25. Read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee and ordered sent forthwith. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from April to May in the Year 1977.

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

Whereas, under the present law the county tax must be apportioned upon the towns in the month of April; and

Whereas, the debate on the legislation setting county officers' salaries has continued so long that it will be impossible to assess the county tax for 1977 within the time allowed; and

Whereas, the following extension of time will prevent undue hardship in resolving such; and

Whereas, the following legislation to temporarily change the apportionment to the month of May is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship and confusion on the several counties and municipalities of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency with 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:

30 MRSA § 254-B is enacted to read:

§ 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized, for the year 1977, the county commissioners shall, in April or May apportion it upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend the time allowed for apportionment of county taxes, by allowing apportionment in either April or May. This change only applies to 1977.