

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2196

H. P. 2243

House of Representatives, March 14, 1978

Read twice under suspension of rules and Passed to be Engrossed. Sent up for Concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 2226.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from March to April in the Year 1978.

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 March; and

Whereas, approval of the county budgets has been delayed; 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 months of March and April 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 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:

30 MRSA § 254-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 64, and as amended by PL 1977, c. 274, is further amended to read:

§ 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized, for the year ~~1977~~ 1978, the county commissioners shall, in the months of ~~May and June~~ **March and April** apportion the tax 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

This bill allows the apportionment for county taxes to be done in March or April.