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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Establishing the Municipal Cost Component for the Unorganized Territories.

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

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District is necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; 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:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 1603, sub-§ 1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 698, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. The cost of all services the State funds in the unorganized territory that are funded locally by a municipality; the cost of forest fire protection to be included

in the cost component shall be determined by multiplying the 100% valuation of all the property in the unorganized territory by the mill rate set for municipalities in Title 12, section 1601, or its successor; and

Sec. 2. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 1980 is \$5,824,000 broken down according to the following list:

Public safety	\$ 150,000
Forest fire protection	1,500,000
Land Use Regulation Commission	300,000
Secretary of State	1,000
Property tax assessment	250,000
County reimbursement for services	1,085,000
Education	2,347,000
Human Services — general assistance	191,000
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Total	\$5,824,000

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 set out in the emergency preamble.