

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 802**

H. P. 688

House of Representatives, February 11, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mahany of Easton.

Cosponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of Easton.**

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

Whereas, county taxes are based upon the state valuation; and

Whereas, the county tax rate must be established by April, 1981; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary this legislation be passed as an emergency in order to become effective prior to April 1, 1981; 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:

**Town of Easton; state valuation.** For the purpose of determining the amount of school subsidies to which the Easton School System shall be eligible to receive for fiscal year 1981-1982 an apportionment of county taxes for fiscal year 1981 and any other applications where state aid or subsidies are required. The state valuation of the Town of Easton shall be set at \$24,050,000. The valuation shall be

used in determining the per pupil valuation of the Town of Easton as set forth by statute.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The selling of the Maine Sugar Refinery at Easton by the Maine Guarantee Authority on October 19, 1979 to Quebec Sugar resulted in a loss of assess valuation to the Town of Easton.

Quebec Sugar has physically removed and transported to Hillaire, Quebec, the \$850,000, contents of the refinery; therefore, the Town of Easton's 1981 state valuation rightfully should be established at \$24,050,000.