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STATE OF PAINE SENATE 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

OF R.

(Filing No. S-266)

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to
H.P. 1094, L.D. 1291, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency
of County Government."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §403-A is enacted to read: §403-A. Unorganized territory accounts and interest

1. Accounts. Any funds required to be spent for the unorganized territories held by a county shall be accounted for separately from the funds raised for countywide activities. This separate accounting shall not prohibit the commingling of unorganized territory and countywide funds.

No more than 10% of the amount of assessment for county services to the unorganized territories for each year may be retained as surplus at the end of the fiscal year. This surplus shall be kept in a contingency account to be used for emergency services provided the unorganized territories by the county. Any additional surplus of unorganized territory funds at the end of the fiscal year shall be used to reduce the assessment for the next year for county services to be provided the unorganized territories.

2. Interest; limitation on use of funds. The return on investment of county funds shall be prorated between the amounts invested of unorganized territory funds and the amounts invested of countywide funds. The return on investment of unorganized territory funds shall only be used for the unorganized territories. No countywide funds may be used for the unorganized territories.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment adds provisions for a limitation on the amount of surplus that can be retained in an unorganized territory account. This limited surplus amount may be used for emergencies. The remainder of any surplus is to be used to reduce the unorganized territory tax.

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