

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2

3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
4

5 Legislative Document

No. 289

6
7 H.P. 242

House of Representatives, January 26, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 26, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed
pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.

Cosponsor: Senator Violette of Aroostook.

11
12 STATE OF MAINE
13

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT to Include Poverty Tax Abatements
18 in Net General Assistance Costs.
19

20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 22 MRS.A §4450, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c.
23 417, §2 is amended to read:

24 3. Net general assistance costs. "Net general
25 assistance costs" means those direct costs incurred
26 by a municipality in providing assistance to eligible
27 persons according to standards established by the
28 municipal officers and does not include the adminis-
29 trative expenses of the general assistance program.
30 Net general assistance costs include, but are not
31 limited to, the annual amount of taxes abated by a
32 municipality by reason of the poverty of the person
33 assessed to pay.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 At present, under Title 36, chapter 105, subchap-
3 ter VIII, municipalities may grant property tax
4 abatements on the grounds of the taxpayer's inability
5 to pay the taxes assessed. These abatements are, in
6 effect, direct grants of aid to the taxpayer because
7 of poverty, yet such assistance is not presently eli-
8 gible for reimbursement as general municipal assis-
9 tance. This bill would specifically include poverty
10 tax abatements in the definition of costs eligible
11 for state reimbursement.

12 1210011083