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HOUSE AMENDMENT "?" to H.P. 1070, L.D. 1551,
Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Taxpayer Information on Local Property Tax Bills."

10 Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting 11 clause the following:

12 **'Emergency preamble**. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-13 lature do not become effective until 90 days after 14 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

15 Whereas, 90 days after the adjournment of the 16 Legislature will fall on a date after which many lo-17 cal property tax bills will have already been pre-18 pared; and

19 Whereas, this bill is immediately necessary to 20 relieve municipalities from the burden of making in-21 dividual calculations for each tax bill prepared; and

22 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 23 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 24 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 25 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-26 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 27 therefore,'

28 Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§507." in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 26 to 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Be-29 30 ginning January 1, 1985, when When a municipality is-31 sues a property tax bill to each taxpayer, each bill shall contain" and inserting in its place the follow-32 33 34 ing: 'Beginning January 1, 1985, when a municipality 35 issues a property tax bill to each taxpayer, each bill shall contain Each municipality shall provide 36 37 each taxpayer with'

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Further amend the Bill in that part designated "<u>§507.</u>" in the last line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the word and punctuation "section." the following: '<u>The statement or calculation required</u> by this section may be provided on the property tax bill or in the annual report of the municipality.'

7 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end 8 before the Statement of Fact the following:

9 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency 10 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect 11 when approved.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and 14 emergency clause so that the relief provided by the 15 bill to municipalities will apply to this year's tax 16 bills. It also provides that municipalities may noti-17 fy taxpayers of the required information either on 18 property tax bills or in the annual report of the mu-19 nicipality.

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