

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 602

House of Representatives, March 17, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representative ROTONDI of Athens, Representative HICKEY of Augusta and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Increase County Share of Real Estate Transfer Tax.

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1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **36 MRSA §4641-B, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. M,  
5 **§10**, is further amended to read:

7 Each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of  
9 each month, pay over to the State Tax Assessor ~~90%~~ 70% of the tax  
11 collected during the previous month. Fifteen percent of the tax  
13 collected shall be transferred to the county treasury to help  
15 offset operating expenses of county government. The remaining  
17 ~~10%~~ 15% shall be retained for the county by the register of deeds  
and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for  
services rendered by the county in collecting the tax.

#### 17 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this bill is to increase the county share of  
21 real estate transfer tax which would be retained by counties for  
23 expenses incurred in the services provided by county government.  
25 This increase would subsequently help to reduce the tax imposed  
on towns for use in operating expenses by county government and  
therefore result in lower property taxes.