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An Act to Amend the Property Tax Laws Related to Service Charges for Exempt Organizations.

Referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST).
Cosponsored by Representative: AIKMAN of Poland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §652, sub-§1, ¶L,** as enacted by PL 1977, c.
487, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 L. Service charges.

8 (1) The owners of certain institutional and
10 organizational real property that is otherwise exempt
12 from state or municipal taxation may be subject to
14 service charges calculated according to the tax rate
16 assessed against the just value of nonexempt property,
18 reduced by the ratio of the tax levy attributable to
20 education costs to the total tax levy. In determining
22 the local assessed value of the exemption, the assessor
24 shall multiply the amount of the exemption by the ratio
26 of current just value upon which the assessment is
28 based as furnished in the assessor's annual return to
30 the State Tax Assessor.

32 (2) The establishment of service charges is not
34 mandatory, but is at the discretion of the municipality
36 in which the exempt property is located.

38 (3) With respect to the determination of service
40 charges, appeals must be made in accordance with an
42 appeals process, which must be provided for by
municipal ordinance.

(4) The collection of unpaid service charges must be
carried out in the same manner as provided in Title 38,
section 1208.

(5) Municipalities shall adopt any necessary
ordinances to carry out the provisions of this
paragraph regarding service charges.

38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 The purpose of this bill is to broaden the power of a
42 municipality to establish service charges for the noneducational
portion of the municipal budget.