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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 823, L.D. 1128, Bill, "An Act to Transfer a Certain Parcel of Land from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Transfer Funds from the Maine Forest Service to the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District provides services critical to protecting land and water resources in Waldo County and benefiting agricultural, municipal and development interests throughout Waldo County; and

Whereas, the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District is in need of a geographically centered site to house its extensive collection of soil surveys, aerial photographs and maps and from which to provide services throughout Waldo County; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Forestry has agreed to assist with funds for the purchase of a suitable site; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Payment for land acquisition. The Bureau of Forestry shall pay \$20,000 from the Division of Forest Fire Control dedicated account to the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District shall use the money received from the bureau exclusively to purchase a parcel of land for the purpose of constructing an office building to house the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Forest Fire Control - Division of

All Other \$20,000

Allocates funds to authorize payment to the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District as required in section 1 of this Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

·FISCAL NOTE

1996-97

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$20,000

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue allocation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to authorize the payment of Division of Forest Fire Control funds within the Department of

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2 Conservation to the Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation
District. The Division of Forest Fire Control has adequate
4 financial resources to make this payment.'

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the original bill. It directs the
Bureau of Forestry to pay \$20,000 to the Waldo County Soil and
10 Water Conservation District. It specifies that the allocation
must come from the Division of Forest Fire Control account. The
12 Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District must use the
money to purchase land for building an office. The amendment
14 adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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