

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1412

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

**An Act to Allow the York County Commissioners to Send Out Tax Bills
to Towns Twice a Year.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule
203.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and
Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, DUNLAP of Old Town, JOYNER of Hollis,
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PAUL of Sanford, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of
Bridgewater, WRIGHT of Berwick.

2 **Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local
4 units of government to expand or modify activities so as to
6 necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does
8 not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures.
Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21,
two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have
determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

12 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §706, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 104,
Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

14 When a county tax is authorized, the county commissioners,
16 within 30 days of that authorization, shall apportion it upon the
municipalities and other places according to the last state
18 valuation and fix the date for the payment of the tax. This
Except as provided in section 833, this date may not be earlier
20 than the first day of the following September. They may add that
sum above the sum so authorized, not exceeding 2% of that sum, as
22 a fractional division necessitates and demonstrate that necessity
in the record of that apportionment, and issue their warrant to
24 the assessors requiring them to immediately assess the sum
apportioned to their municipality or place, and to commit their
assessment to the constable or collector for collection. The
26 county treasurer shall immediately certify the millage rate to
the State Tax Assessor. The State Tax Assessor shall separately
28 assess this millage rate upon the real and personal property in
the unorganized territory within the appropriate county.

30 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §833, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
32 623, §1, is amended to read:

34 B. The budget adopted and changed under this subsection is
the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes
36 and the county tax authorized is apportioned and collected
in accordance with section 706, except that notwithstanding
38 section 706, the county commissioners may fix the date for
payment of the tax prior to the first day of September, and
40 may authorize 2 dates for the payment of the tax.

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44 SUMMARY

46 This bill allows the York County Commissioners to fix the
date for payment of the county tax prior to September 1st, and to
48 authorize 2 dates for the payment of the tax.