

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 633

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S.P. 211

In Senate, January 26, 1999

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### An Act to Amend the Distribution of Revenue Sharing.

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c.  
4 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

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4. Sharing the Local Government Fund. Money credited to  
the Local Government Fund shall ~~shall~~ must be distributed on the basis  
8 of a formula ~~which~~ that provides a varying amount of per capita  
revenue sharing aid to ~~communities~~ municipalities based upon the  
10 comparative tax burden of each municipality. Those  
municipalities having a greater property tax burden would receive  
12 a larger per capita revenue-sharing distribution.

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The portion of the Local Government Fund to be distributed to  
each municipality shall ~~in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000~~  
16 must be in proportion to the product of the population of the  
municipality multiplied by that portion of the municipality's  
18 property tax burden of the municipality that exceeds .05. In  
each subsequent fiscal year, this figure must be increased by .01  
20 per year until a figure of .10 is reached effective for fiscal  
years beginning on or after July 1, 2005.

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#### SUMMARY

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This bill changes revenue sharing to distribute a greater  
share to municipalities with higher mill rates.