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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 330, L.D. 984, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Town of Madrid to Deorganize"

Amend the bill in section 5 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the municipal officers of the town shall submit this Act" and inserting in its place the following: 'this Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission by the municipal officers'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Revenue Services

Personal Services	\$16,452
All Other	3,950
TOTAL	<u>\$20,402</u>

Provides funds for a Property Tax Appraiser I position on a temporary basis effective

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 January 1, 2000 to inventory
and determine the valuation
4 of all taxable property in
the Town of Madrid.

6 **Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement**

8 All Other (\$31,000)

10 Deappropriates funds to
12 reflect the reductions in
tree growth tax
14 reimbursements associated
with the deorganization of
the Town of Madrid.

16 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND**
18 **FINANCIAL SERVICES**
20 **TOTAL**

\$20,402 (\$31,000)'

22 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the first line (page
2, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "4" the
24 following: 'and section 6'

26 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
28 consecutively.

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

34 **'FISCAL NOTE**

36 The Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions will
incur some minor additional costs related to Madrid's
38 deorganization referendum. These costs can be absorbed within
the Office of the Secretary of State's existing budgeted
40 resources.

42 If the deorganization is approved by the voters of Madrid,
the Department of Education, Education in the Unorganized
44 Territory program, will incur additional costs beginning in
fiscal year 2000-01 estimated to be \$280,000 annually. Public
46 Law 1999, chapter 16, the "current services" budget bill,
includes sufficient funding in fiscal year 2000-01 for these
48 costs. If the voters of Madrid do not approve deorganization,
this amount may be deappropriated.

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2 In addition, contingent on approval of the voters of Madrid,
the Bureau of Revenue Services will require a Property Tax
4 Appraiser I position on a project basis, beginning January 1,
2000, to inventory and determine the valuation of all taxable
6 property in the Town of Madrid. A General Fund appropriation
equal to the estimated cost of \$20,402 in fiscal year 1999-00 is
8 included but is contingent on approval by the voters of Madrid.
These costs will be reimbursed from the Unorganized Territory
Education and Services Fund, resulting in additional General Fund
10 revenue equal to the expenditures.

12 If the Town of Madrid is deorganized, the Tree Growth Tax
Reimbursement program will realize savings beginning in fiscal
14 year 2000-01 estimated to be \$31,000. A deappropriation equal to
this amount is included and is also contingent on approval of the
16 voters of Madrid.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies that a vote to deorganize by the
Town of Madrid is a local option and not a state mandate. The
24 amendment also inserts an appropriation section detailing the
cost to the State of the deorganization of the Town of Madrid and
26 adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT