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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 990, L.D. 2545, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the State Tax Valuation for the Town of Standish"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 28 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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**'Sec. 1. Establish 2000 state valuation for Town of Standish.**

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Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 2000 state valuation of the Town of Standish must be based on a valuation that values the property of the Portland Water District in the Town of Standish at \$2,019,244.'

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

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**'FISCAL NOTE**

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The reduction of the 2000 state valuation for the Town of Standish will result in a redistribution of school subsidies for fiscal year 2000-01. The amount that will avoid this redistribution of school subsidies will depend on the amounts established by the Legislature pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15607. The Department of Education has requested a General Fund appropriation of \$85,338 in fiscal year 2000-01 to avoid this redistribution of school subsidies from other school units to the Town of Standish. This estimate is based on the Governor's proposed "2000-2001 supplemental" budget bill, LD 2510.

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This bill will also result in a redistribution of state-municipal revenue-sharing funds in fiscal year 2000-01. Based on the fiscal year 1999-00 revenue-sharing distribution

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2 calculations, this bill will redistribute approximately \$21,400,  
increasing the amounts to be received by the Town of Standish and  
reducing the amounts to be received by other municipalities.

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6 The Office of the Treasurer of State and the Department of  
Education will incur some minor additional costs to adjust the  
revenue-sharing and school subsidy distributions. These costs  
8 can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.

10 Depending on the effective date of this bill, Cumberland  
County may be required to recalculate county taxes. If so, this  
12 recalculation would represent a state mandate pursuant to the  
Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs are expected  
14 to be minor. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to  
fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble  
16 is amended to the bill and 2/3 of the members of each House vote  
to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, Cumberland  
18 County may not be required to implement these changes.'

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**SUMMARY**

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24 This amendment makes corrections to the original bill and  
adds a fiscal note.

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