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S.P. 990

In Senate, February 8, 2000

An Act to Reduce the State Tax Valuation for the Town of Standish.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec, Representative: COLWELL of Gardiner.

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

Whereas, it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as an emergency in order that decisions regarding county taxes and school appropriations and any other decisions based on the just value of property in the Town of Standish be based on the correct 2000 state tax valuation for Portland Water District's property; and

Whereas, on November 16, 1999, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the property known as Portland Water District property situated in the Town of Standish is exempt from taxes; and

Whereas, awaiting the next valuation adjustment by the State is a severe hardship to the Town of Standish; and

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. Establish 2000 state tax valuation for Town of Standish.
Notwithstanding any other provision in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 2000 state tax valuation for the Town of Standish for the purposes of calculating county taxes and school appropriations and any other decisions regarding allocation of funds or assessment of taxes must be based on the 2000 state tax valuation that values the property of the Portland Water District in the Town of Standish at \$2,019,244.

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

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the correct state tax valuation for the Town of Standish.