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H.P. 904

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

An Act to Amend the Calculation for Annual County Tax Assessments.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

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

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Presented by Representative DORR of Camden. Cosponsored by Representatives: ASH of Belfast, McNEIL of Rockland, NORBERT of Portland, PINEAU of Jay, SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

2 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §706. first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6, c. 9, §2 4 and c. 104, Pt. C, \$ and 10, is further amended to read: 6 When a county tax is authorized, the county commissioners, 8 within 30 days of that authorization, shall apportion it upon the municipalities and other places according to the last state 10 valuation and fix the date for the payment of the tax, except that the commissioners shall separately apportion the budgeted cost of noncontracted rural sheriff patrol services in reasonable 12 proportion to the degree those services are provided among the municipalities and unorganized territories within the county. 14 This date may not be earlier than the first day of the following September. They may add that sum above the sum so authorized, 16 as a fractional division not exceeding 2% of that sum, 18 necessitates and demonstrate that necessity in the record of that apportionment, and issue their warrant to the assessors requiring 20 them to immediately assess the sum apportioned to their municipality or place, and to commit their assessment to the 22 constable or collector for collection. The county treasurer shall immediately certify the millage rate to the State Tax 24 Assessor. The State Tax Assessor shall separately assess this millage rate upon the real and personal property in the unorganized territory within the appropriate county. 26

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the county commissioners to calculate the budget cost of noncontracted rural sheriff patrol services in proportion to which those services are provided to municipalities and unorganized territories in the county.