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House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief in Cumberland County.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, GLYNN of South Portland, MARLEY of Portland, MURPHY of Berwick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §924, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 349, 4 §6, is further amended to read:

Reduce tax levy. After restoring the contingent account 6 2. under subsection 1, the county commissioners shall use any unencumbered surplus funds to reduce the tax levy in 8 the following fiscal year as provided in this subsection. The Except 10 for Cumberland County, the county commissioners shall use any remaining unencumbered surplus funds in excess of 15% for the fiscal year beginning in 2002, 18% for the fiscal year beginning 12 in 2003 and 20% for the fiscal year beginning in 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter of the amount to be raised by taxation in 14 the following fiscal year to reduce the tax levy in that year. In Cumberland County the county commissioners shall use any 16 remaining unencumbered surplus funds in excess of 10% of the amount to be raised by taxation in that fiscal year to reduce the 18 tax levy in that year. The county commissioners may not commit 20 taxes to be raised in any fiscal year until the county commissioners have complied with this subsection. 22

SUMMARY

26 Public Law 2001, chapter 349 increased the amount, from 10% to 20%, of unencumbered surplus funds county commissioners could use annually for purposes other than reducing the county property tax levy. This bill restores the 10% limit in Cumberland County.