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House of Representatives, February 14, 2002

**An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized
Territory Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2002-2003.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative STANLEY for the Department of Audit pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

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6 **Whereas,** prompt determination and certification of the
municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax
District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and
8 the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services
Tax; and

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12 **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
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In
accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter
115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost
22 component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in
fiscal year 2002-03 is as follows:

24	Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$108,207
26	Education	10,452,001
28	Forest Fire Protection	150,000
30	Human Services - General Assistance	77,610
32	Property Tax Assessment - Operations	621,641
34	Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - 36 Operations	197,177
38	TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	<u>\$11,606,636</u>

40 County Reimbursements for Services:

42	Aroostook	\$626,178
	Franklin	590,661
44	Hancock	105,824
	Kennebec	5,694
46	Oxford	331,888
	Penobscot	766,807
48	Piscataquis	524,639
	Somerset	779,039
50	Washington	430,162

2	TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	<u>\$4,160,892</u>
4	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	<u>\$15,767,528</u>
6	COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
8	Requirements	\$15,767,528
10	Less Deductions:	
	General -	
12	State Revenue Sharing	\$210,000
	Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
14	Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
	Transfer from Undesignated	
16	Fund Balance	1,557,443
18	TOTAL	<u>\$1,917,443</u>
20	Educational -	
	Lands Reserve Trust	\$110,000
22	Tuition - Travel	320,000
	Miscellaneous	1,500
24	Special - Retirement	190,000
26	TOTAL	<u>\$621,500</u>
28	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>(\$2,538,943)</u>
30	TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>\$13,228,585</u>

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

36 SUMMARY

38 This bill establishes municipal cost components for state
40 and county services provided to the unorganized territory that
would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost
42 components constitute the property tax for the unorganized
territory.