

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

*Minority*

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 978, L.D. 1414, Bill, "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Create Municipal Fire Districts"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing Maine Revenue Services To Establish a Working Group To Reevaluate the Distribution of Property Tax'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Maine Revenue Services to establish working group to reevaluate distribution of property tax. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services shall establish a working group to examine options for reevaluating the distribution of property tax within municipalities and between service center and nonservice center municipalities. The working group must include representatives from the Maine Municipal Association; the Maine Service Centers Coalition; institutions of higher education such as the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Independent Colleges Association; the Maine Hospital Association; the YMCA Alliance of Maine; the Maine Council of Churches; and other charitable or nontaxable organizations as determined appropriate. The working group membership must be evenly divided between representatives from tax-exempt organizations and those from the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Service Center Coalition; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2           **Sec. 2. Report and recommendations. Resolved:** That the  
3 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine  
4 Revenue Services shall report its findings under section 1 and  
5 recommendations, including suggested legislation if appropriate,  
6 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
7 jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later  
8 than February 14, 2007; and be it further

9           **Sec. 3. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the  
10 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
11 over state and local government matters is authorized to report  
12 out legislation concerning the study under section 1 to the First  
13 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

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**SUMMARY**

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17           This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority  
18 report. The amendment is a resolve that directs Maine Revenue  
19 Services to establish a working group to examine options for  
20 reevaluating the distribution of property tax within  
21 municipalities and between service center and nonservice center  
22 municipalities. The working group must include members from the  
23 Maine Municipal Association, the Maine Service Centers Coalition,  
24 institutions of higher education in the State, the Maine Hospital  
25 Association, the YMCA, the Maine Council of Churches and other  
26 representatives of charitable or tax-exempt organizations.  
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30                           **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
                                  **(See attached)**



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1414

LR 1217(02)

## An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Municipal Fire Districts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to Maine Revenue Services, the University of Maine System or the Maine Community College System associated with participating in the working group can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.