

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 8, 2011

### **An Act To Reinstate the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: RECTOR of Knox, Representatives: HINCK of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, MALONEY of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. S, §3  
3 and affected by §16, is further amended to read:

4 **3. Revenue-sharing funds.** To strengthen the state-municipal fiscal relationship  
5 pursuant to the findings and objectives of subsection 1, there is established the Local  
6 Government Fund. To provide additional support for municipalities experiencing a  
7 higher-than-average property tax burden, there is established the Disproportionate Tax  
8 Burden Fund. To assist those municipalities that collaborate with other municipalities,  
9 counties or state agencies to obtain savings in the cost of delivering local and regional  
10 governmental services, there is established the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local  
11 and Regional Services.

12 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-D** is enacted to read:

13 **5-D. Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.** For the  
14 months beginning on or after January 1, 2012 and before the distributions required by  
15 subsections 4-A and 4-B, 2% of all receipts transferred to the Local Government Fund  
16 each month pursuant to subsection 5 must be deposited in the Fund for the Efficient  
17 Delivery of Local and Regional Services, as established in subsection 3, and distributed  
18 to those municipalities that can demonstrate significant and sustainable savings in the cost  
19 of delivering local and regional governmental services through collaborative approaches  
20 to service delivery, enhanced regional delivery systems, the consolidation of  
21 administrative services, the creation of broad-based purchasing alliances or the execution  
22 of interlocal agreements.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill reestablishes the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional  
25 Services originally established by Initiated Bill 2003, chapter 2 and eliminated in 2009.