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1		L.D. 1509		
2	Date: 6/13/2013	(Filing No. S-2H ϕ)		
3	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.			
4	STATE OF MAINE			
5	SENATE			
6	126TH LEGISLATURE			
7	FIRST REGULAR SESSION			
8 9 10 11 12	SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1079, L.D. 1509, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015"			
13	Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part J and inserting the following:			
14	'PART J			
15 16	Sec. J-1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. S, §4 and affected by §16, is further amended to read:			
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	5. Transfers to funds. No later than the Controller shall transfer to the Local Government previous month from the taxes imposed under Tit section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and without any reduction, except that the postage, programming costs of administering state-municipal Local Government Fund. For months beginning under this subsection may be made. A percentage sh Local Government Fund each month must be transburden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4	Fund 5% of the receipts during the le 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, L, and credited to the General Fund state cost allocation program and revenue sharing may be paid by the n fiscal year 2014-15, no transfers are of the amounts transferred to the sferred to the Disproportionate Tax		
27	C. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2009	but before July 1, 2010, 15%;		
28	D. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2010	but before July 1, 2011, 16%;		
29	E. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2011	but before July 1, 2012, 17%;		
30	F. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2012	but before July 1, 2013, 18%;		
31	G. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2013	but before July 1, 2014, 19%; and		
32	H. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2014	, 20%.		
33 34	Sec. J-2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-C, as §1, is further amended to read:	amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. I,		

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5-C. Transfers to General Fund. For the months beginning on or after July 1, 2009, \$25,383,491 in fiscal year 2009-10, \$38,145,323 in fiscal year 2010-11, \$40,350,638 in fiscal year 2011-12 and, \$44,267,343 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$84,847,246 in fiscal year 2013-14 from the total transfers pursuant to subsection 5 must be transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue. The amounts transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue each fiscal year pursuant to this subsection must be deducted from the distributions required by subsections 4-A and 4-B based on the percentage share of the transfers to the Local Government Fund pursuant to subsection 5. The reductions in this subsection must be allocated to each month proportionately based on the budgeted monthly transfers to the Local Government Fund as determined at the beginning of the fiscal year.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part MMMMM the following:

'PART NNNNN

Sec. NNNN-1. 36 MRSA §683, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. YYY, §1 and affected by c. 652, Pt. A, §63, is further amended to read:

- 1. Exemption amount. Except for assessments for special benefits, the just value of \$10,000 \$25,000 of the homestead of a permanent resident of this State who has owned a homestead in this State for the preceding 12 months is exempt from taxation. In determining the local assessed value of the exemption, the assessor shall multiply the amount of the exemption by the ratio of current just value upon which the assessment is based as furnished in the assessor's annual return pursuant to section 383. If the title to the homestead is held by the applicant jointly or in common with others, the exemption may not exceed \$10,000 \$25,000 of the just value of the homestead, but may be apportioned among the owners who reside on the property to the extent of their respective interests. A municipality responsible for administering the homestead exemption has no obligation to create separate accounts for each partial interest in a homestead owned jointly or in common.
- Sec. NNNNN-2. 36 MRSA §683, sub-§§3 and 4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. F, §3 and affected by §5, are further amended to read:
- 3. Effect on state valuation. Fifty One hundred percent of the just value of homesteads exempt under this subchapter must be included in the annual determination of state valuation under sections 208 and 305.
- 4. Property tax rate. Fifty One hundred percent of the value of homestead exemptions under this subchapter must be included in the total municipal valuation used to determine the municipal tax rate. The municipal tax rate as finally determined may be applied to only the taxable portion of each homestead qualified for that tax year.
- Sec. NNNNN-3. 36 MRSA §685, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. F, §4 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:
- 2. Entitlement to reimbursement by the State; calculation. A municipality that has approved homestead exemptions under this subchapter may recover from the State 50%—100% of the taxes lost by reason of the exemptions upon proof in a form

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1 2	1 satisfactory to the bureau. The bureau shall reimburse the Unorganized Territory					
3 4	Sec. NNNNN-4. Application. This Part applies to property taxes based on the status of property on or after April 1, 2014.					
5 6	Sec. NNNN-5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.					
7	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886					
8						
9 10	C T					
11 12 13	GENERAL FUND 2013-14 2014-15 All Other \$0 \$74,971,000					
14 15 '	GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$74,971,000					
16 17	Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.					
18	SUMMARY					
19 20 21 22	This amendment increases the homestead property tax exemption from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and increases state reimbursement to municipalities for lost revenue from 50% to 100% and reduces amounts available for state-municipal revenue sharing to cover the cost of the reimbursement to municipalities.					
23	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED					
24	(See attached)					
25 SPONSORED BY: // oug woman						
26	(Senator THOMAS)					

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COUNTY: Somerset



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1509

LR 1046(19)

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Thomas of Somerset

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note							
	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17			
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	(\$11,541,000)	\$11,541,000	\$96,641,750	\$99,235,900			
General Fund	(\$11,341,000)	\$11,541,000	\$90,041,730	\$99,233,900			
Appropriations/Allocations							
General Fund	\$0	\$74,971,000	\$99,962,000	\$102,597,000			
Revenue							
General Fund	\$11,541,000	\$63,430,000	\$3,320,250	\$3,361,100			
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$73,306,246)	(\$85,949,391)	\$174,750	\$176,900			
Fund Detail by Section							
Appropriations/Allocations			•				
General Fund							
PART NNNNN, Section 5	\$0	\$74,971,000	\$99,962,000	\$102,597,000			
Revenue							
General Fund							
PART J, Section 1	\$11,541,000	\$60,000,000	\$0	\$0			
PART NNNNN	\$0	\$3,430,000	\$3,320,250	\$3,361,100			
Other Special Revenue Funds							
PART J, Section 1	(\$73,306,246)	(\$85,949,391)	\$0	\$0			
PART NNNNN	\$0	\$0	\$174,750	\$176,900			

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment decreases the net General Fund cost of the bill by \$11,541,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and increases the net General Fund cost of the bill by \$11,541,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. A balanced budget is maintained for the 2014-2015 biennium.