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House of Representatives, March 16, 2017

**An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized
Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2017-18**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative TIPPING of Orono for the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

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

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance
12 with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that
13 the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in
14 fiscal year 2017-18 is as follows:

15	Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$225,510
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17	Education	12,264,663
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19	Forest Fire Protection	150,000
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21	Human Services - General Assistance	65,000
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23	Property Tax Assessment - Operations	1,031,446
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25	Maine Land Use Planning Commission -	549,577
26	Operations	
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28	TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	<hr/> \$14,286,196
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30	County Reimbursements for Services:	
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32	Aroostook	\$1,288,800
33	Franklin	888,252
34	Hancock	238,750
35	Kennebec	12,823
36	Oxford	1,273,300
37	Penobscot	1,071,109
38	Piscataquis	1,014,232
39	Somerset	1,663,298
40	Washington	1,008,408
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42	TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	<hr/> \$8,458,972

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COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND

Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$3,957,568
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	<u>\$26,702,736</u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements	\$26,702,736
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue	
State Revenue Sharing	\$80,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,000
Transfer from unassigned fund balance	900,000
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$1,090,000</u>
Educational Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust	\$70,000
Tuition/Travel	110,768
United States Forestry Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	230,000
TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$425,768</u>
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$1,515,768</u>
TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES and OVERLAY (Title 36 §1602)	<u>\$25,186,968</u>

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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