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128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 441, L.D. 1289, Bill, "An Act To Allow Voluntary Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the Unorganized Territory"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7502, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 541, Pt. F, §2, is further amended to read:

1. **Fund established.** There is established in each county one unorganized territory fund to which must be credited all receipts under Title 12, section 10203 and Title 36, sections 1487, 1505 and, 1606 and 1612 and all other receipts that are allocated for municipal services in the unorganized territory, and from which all disbursements for municipal services in the unorganized territory are made.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1612 is enacted to read:

§1612. Payment in lieu of taxes in unorganized territory

1. Payment in lieu of taxes in unorganized territory. An owner of property that is exempt from taxation under section 652 and is located in an unorganized territory may make a voluntary payment in lieu of taxes to the State Tax Assessor.

2. County unorganized territory fund. The State Tax Assessor shall deposit a payment in lieu of taxes in subsection 1 into the county unorganized territory fund under Title 30-A, section 7502, subsection 1 of the county in which the property exempt from taxes is located.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the process provided in the bill for payments in lieu of taxes in the unorganized territory applies only for certain nonprofit property owners. The amendment also changes the allocation of the provision to place the provision in the chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes governing property taxes in the unorganized territory.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1289

LR 1509(02)

An Act To Allow Voluntary Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the Unorganized Territory

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - County Unorganized Territory Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Receipt of any voluntary payments in lieu of taxes from certain nonprofit property owners will increase revenue to the county unorganized territory fund. Any additional costs to the State Tax Assessor within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.