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House of Representatives, January 21, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Counties and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holman of Dixfield.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Increasing the Farm Bureau Budget.**

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

**R. S., c. 39, § 20, amended.** Section 20 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 20. Farm bureau to prepare budget; county commissioners may levy tax.** The executive committee of each county farm bureau shall annually prepare an annual financial budget for the 12 months beginning January 1st next thereafter, showing in detail its estimate of the amount of money to be expended under the provisions of sections 17 to 21, inclusive, within the county or counties for such 12 months; shall submit the same to a vote of the bureau at the regular annual meeting, and, if the budget is approved by a majority vote of the members of the bureau present at such meeting, the executive committee shall submit the same to the board of county commissioners on a date in December approved by said county commissioners, and the county commissioners shall include the amount of this budget in the appropriations by them annually recommended, and levy a tax therefor; provided further that the amount thus raised by direct taxation within any county or combination of counties for the purposes of sections 17 to 21, inclusive, shall be not less than \$1000 and

not more than \$2000 annually. **Provided, however, that in those counties having the services of more than 2 extension agents, at the request of the county farm bureau made on the said date in December, the county commissioners of the county may allow an amount in excess of \$2000 but not exceeding \$4000, which shall also be included in the budget and for which a tax shall be levied.** Whenever the inhabitants of 2 counties shall unite for organization in one farm bureau the amount of the tax assessed upon each county shall be in the proportion which the number of farm bureau members in that county bears to the total number of members in the 2 counties so united.'