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**No. 651**

S. P. 391

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chase of Washington.

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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 Relating to School Tax in Unorganized Territory.**

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

**R. S., c. 19, § 139, amended.** Section 139 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 100 of the public laws of 1933, and by section 3 of chapter 209 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 139. Limitation of school tax rate for unorganized townships with population of 200 or more.** Whenever there are 200 or more persons of all ages resident of an unorganized unit which was formerly a town or plantation, on April 1 of any year, in accordance with the sworn returns of the agent for said unorganized unit duly appointed by the commissioner of education as provided by section 140 of this chapter, the total cost of school privileges provided under sections 133, 134, 135 and 137 of this chapter, for the school year ending on the following June 30, together with an additional charge of 5% for administration, but with deductions for the amount of interest on lands reserved, if any, of said unorganized unit for said school year and the amount said unorganized unit if a town would receive from the state as provided by sections 206, 207, 208, 209 and 210 of this chapter, shall be assessed upon the property of said unorganized unit

by the state bureau of taxation and added to the state tax for the said year, **provided said assessment shall be limited to a school tax rate of 10 mills on the dollar above the average of school tax rates of the municipalities of the state for the preceding school year.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish on or before July 10 of said year to the state tax assessor a detailed statement of expenditures for school purposes and deductions on account of interest on lands reserved and state school funds credits as hereinbefore provided for such unorganized units, for use in making said tax assessment and as a permanent record thereof. A copy of said statement shall also be furnished the state commissioner of finance, who shall credit the state school fund for the following year with the amount of said tax assessment.'