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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT to Provide Fire Protection for Connor Township.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the town of Connor surrendered its organization on March 30, 1945 and at the present time there is no provision for fighting local fires other than forest fires; and

Whereas, it is necessary that some arrangement be made in order to protect the inhabitants insofar as possible from loss by fire; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Assessment for fire protection tax in Connor township. The county commissioners of Aroostook county are hereby authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Connor township, to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, for Connor township. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon the township an amount sufficient to provide for such protection, and said assessment shall be certified and

transmitted by the county treasurer to the state tax assessor not later than April 1 each year. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 74-A of chapter 14 of the revised statutes, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 77 of chapter 14. The state tax assessor shall collect such taxes and cause them to be remitted to the county treasurer in the same manner as provided for the county tax, provided, however, that the treasurer of state shall, when remitting to the county, remit the fire protection tax and county tax in separate amounts and designate the amount of the fire protection tax collected from Connor township. Collection of such fire protection tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes and interest collected shall be credited to the general fund of the state.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.