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House of Representatives, January 17, 1957.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rancourt of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Procedure of Municipal Tax Collectors in Issuing Warrants  
of Distress.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns; and

Whereas, due to error in chapter 91-A, enacted at the last session of the Legislature, municipal tax collectors were deprived of an additional method to collect taxes; and

Whereas, such error should be corrected to enable such tax collectors to be more effective in their duties; 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:

**R. S., c. 91-A, § 101, amended.** Section 101 of chapter 91-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 399 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 101. Collector may issue warrant of distress to sheriff.** Any tax collector ~~within~~ ~~after~~ ~~3 months~~ ~~after~~ ~~from~~ the date of commitment may issue his warrant to the sheriff of any county, or his deputy, or to a constable of his municipality, directing him to distrain the person or property of any taxpayer not paying his taxes, which warrant shall be of the same tenor as that prescribed to

be issued by municipal assessors to tax collectors with the appropriate changes returnable to the tax collector issuing the same in 30, 60 or 90 days.'

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