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H. P. 466

House of Representatives, February 12, 1959

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mathieson of Montville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to School Taxes in Unorganized Townships.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 166, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 166 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

I. On April 1st, annually, the total cost of school privileges provided in any unorganized unit under sections 159, 160, 161 and 164, for the school year ending on the preceding June 30th, together with an additional charge of 8% of such total cost for administration, but with deductions for the amount of interest on lands reserved, if any, prorated to allow for the allocation provided by ~~subsection I of section 53 of chapter 36, section 53, subsection I,~~ of said unorganized unit for said school year and any other sums credited to the Unorganized Territory School Fund on behalf of said unit, shall be assessed upon the property of said unorganized unit by the State Tax Assessor in accordance with the provisions of ~~section 79 of chapter 16, section 79.~~ Said assessment shall be limited to a school tax rate of ~~10 mills on the dollar~~ above the average of school tax rate rates of the municipalities of the state for the preceding school year; ~~except that the school tax rate for the assessment made April 1, 1955 shall be limited to a school tax rate of 10 mills on the dollar above the average of the school tax rates of the municipalities of the State as found by dividing the 1954 municipal appropriations for school maintenance and operation by the 1954 state valuation of said municipalities and further limited not to exceed 80% of the cost of school privileges computed in the manner aforesaid provided.~~ The average school tax rate shall be computed by dividing the total of the appropriations of the

municipalities for school purposes excluding capital outlay and debt service by the total of their then current state valuation. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to furnish on or before February 10th of each year to the State Assessor a statement of **these** expenditures for school purposes in each unorganized unit during the preceding school year and deductions on account of interest on lands reserved and other credits ~~as hereinbefore provided~~ for such unorganized units **together with the average school tax rate for the preceding school year**, for use in making said tax assessment and as a permanent record thereof. A copy of said statement shall also be furnished to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, who shall credit the amount of said tax assessment to the Unorganized Territory School Fund for the fiscal year following the date of such statement.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$55,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and the sum of \$55,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, to carry out the provisions of this act.