

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
2000

CHAPTER 91

H.P. 1831 - L.D. 2567

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2000-01

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the unorganized territory tax district are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the unorganized territory educational and services tax; 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:

Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2000-01 is as follows.

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$108,207
Education	9,909,622
Connor School Gym	444,000
Benedicta School Roof	480,639
Forest Fire Protection	150,000
Human Services - General Assistance	77,750
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	573,917
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	167,635
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$11,911,770

County reimbursements for services:

Aroostook	\$582,739
Franklin	678,196
Hancock	72,310
Kennebec	11,219
Oxford	314,184

Penobscot	722,873
Piscataquis	440,997
Somerset	796,634
Washington	334,427

TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES \$3,953,579

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS \$15,865,349

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements \$15,865,349

Less Deductions:

General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$210,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
Transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance	1,000,000

TOTAL \$1,360,000

Educational -	
Lands Reserve Trust	\$110,000
Tuition - Travel	200,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Special - Retirement	150,000

TOTAL \$461,500

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS (\$1,821,500)

TAX ASSESSMENT \$14,043,849

Sec. 2. Payment to Hancock County. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1606, the payment due Hancock County on or before the last day of July 2000 must be reduced by \$5,000. The Treasurer of State shall pay the \$5,000 to the Sunset Bay Company as compensation for ferry service. This amount is intended to provide the payment of \$5,000 to the Eagle Island ferry service, doing business as the Sunset Bay Company, as directed by Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 25, section 3, which was not made by the Hancock County commissioners.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

**Unorganized Territory
Education & Services Fund -
Finance**

All Other (\$5,000)

Deallocates funds to reflect the reduction in amounts to be paid to Hancock County.

**Unorganized Territory
Education & Services Fund -
Finance**

All Other \$5,000

Allocates funds to authorize the payment to Eagle Island ferry service, doing business as the Sunset Bay Company.

**DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES**

TOTAL _____ \$0

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Education in Unorganized
Territory**

All Other \$480,639

Provides funds for the costs of roof repair for the Benedicta School. This appropriation will increase budgeted General Fund revenue by \$480,639.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 5, 2000.

CHAPTER 92

H.P. 123 - L.D. 154

**An Act to Provide Funding to the
Maine Center for the Blind and
Visually Impaired**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

**Division for the Blind and
Visually Impaired**

All Other \$45,000

Provides funds on a one-time basis for the establishment of an audio information service through the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired for people who are blind or visually impaired and other people in the State who are unable to access printed information due to a disability. The Department of Labor shall report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs by February 2, 2001 on the status of the Maine Airs program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 93

H.P. 1892 - L.D. 2633

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Joint
Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry Relating
to Review of the Maine Seed Potato
Board Under the State Government
Evaluation Act**