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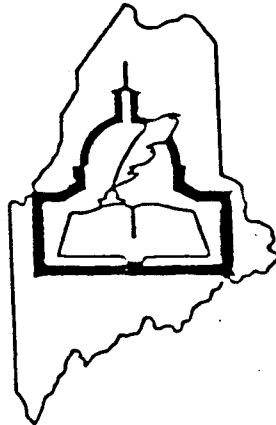
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAXATION  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 955 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL COST  
EMERGENCY COMPONENTS FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED  
IN FISCAL YEAR 1985-86

HIGGINS H  
TWITCHELL  
INGRAHAM  
ZIRNKILTON

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted  
GOV EMERG SIGNED

CH #459

H-475 CA H S  
H-482 CA CASHMAN H S

SUMMARY:

This bill includes the provisions originally contained in LD 805 and 430 as modified. Part A establishes the amounts of the municipal cost components to be used for calculating property taxes in the unorganized territory for 1985. In doing so, it provides that funding for the Land Use Regulation Commission should be allocated to the General Fund. It also provides funds for repair of the Brookton School in Washington County.

Part B provides for equal treatment of the unorganized territory with regard to reimbursement for general assistance and property tax exemptions and with regard to municipal revenue sharing and payments to municipalities where state owned facilities are located.

Part C establishes a position of administrator of the unorganized territory to oversee the budgets and financing of services provided through property taxes in the unorganized territory and reorganizes several provisions of current law to account for this new position and to make the administration of taxes more similar to the administration of property taxes in municipalities. The administrator is located within the Department of Audit and makes recommendations to the Legislature.

LD: 958 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ELIGIBILITY  
GUIDELINES UNDER THE ELDERLY HOUSEHOLDERS  
TAX AND RENT REFUND ACT AND THE ELDERLY  
LOW COST DRUG PROGRAM

CARROLL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Increases eligibility levels for the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Program to \$7,000 for individuals and \$8,300 for multimember households. Revenue loss for FY 85-86--\$2,780,000, FY 86-87--\$2,653,000.