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An Act to Increase Revenue Sharing and to Control Property Taxes

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, O'HALLORAN of Brewer.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. U, §4, is amended to read:

4-A. Distribution of Local Government Fund; additional distribution for property tax limits for senior residents. The Treasurer of State shall transfer the balance in the Local Government Fund on the 20th day of each month. ~~Money in the Local Government Fund must be distributed to each municipality in proportion to the product of the population of the municipality multiplied by the property tax burden of the municipality.~~

A. Money in the Local Government Fund must be distributed to each municipality in proportion to the product of the population of the municipality multiplied by the property tax burden of the municipality.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in addition to the amount distributed to a municipality pursuant to paragraph A, a municipality is entitled to an additional distribution of 20% of the amount that municipality is eligible for pursuant to paragraph A if that municipality has adopted and implemented a program to impose limits of increases of no more than 2% annually on the imposition of property taxes on residents who are at least 65 years of age and who qualify for the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption pursuant to Title 36, chapter 105, subchapter 4-B.

SUMMARY

This bill provides additional state-municipal revenue sharing to a municipality that has adopted and implemented a program to impose limits of increases of no more than 2% annually on the imposition of property taxes on residents who are at least 65 years of age and who qualify for the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption. The amount of the additional distribution is 20% of the amount that the municipality would receive before the additional distribution.