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House of Representatives, March 7, 2012

**An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized
Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2012-13**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls for the Administrator of the Unorganized Territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components
4 in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate
5 and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance
12 with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that
13 the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in
14 fiscal year 2012-13 is as follows:

15	Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$196,030
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17	Education	11,858,597
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19	Forest Fire Protection	150,000
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21	Human Services - General Assistance	58,000
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23	Property Tax Assessment - Operations	900,618
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25	Maine Land Use Regulation Commission -	531,811
26	Operations	
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28	TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	<hr/> \$13,695,056
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30	County Reimbursements for Services:	
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32	Aroostook	\$973,192
33	Franklin	839,845
34	Hancock	158,145
35	Kennebec	6,626
36	Oxford	866,635
37	Penobscot	976,973
38	Piscataquis	948,372
39	Somerset	1,388,233
40	Washington	835,934
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42	TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	<hr/> \$6,993,955

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2	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$20,689,011
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4	COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
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6	Requirements	\$20,689,011
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8	Less Deductions:	
9	General -	
10	State Revenue Sharing	\$195,764
11	Homestead Reimbursement	90,954
12	Miscellaneous Revenues	150,000
13	Transfer from undesignated fund balance	2,000,000
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15	TOTAL	\$2,436,718
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17	Educational -	
18	Land Reserved Trust	\$56,915
19	Tuition/Travel	101,622
20	Miscellaneous	20,000
21	Special - Teacher Retirement	191,943
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23	TOTAL	\$370,480
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25	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$2,807,198
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27	TAX ASSESSMENT	\$17,881,813

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
29 legislation takes effect when approved.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services
32 provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The
33 municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.