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**An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing
Fund**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13080-Q, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 644, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 A. Revenues received under this section must be used ~~solely~~ to fund the costs of
5 municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, electricity,
6 telecommunications, sewer, fire protection, police protection, sanitation services and
7 the maintenance of buildings, facilities, grounds and roads in connection with projects
8 involving the maintenance or restoration of buildings or facilities that will create or
9 retain jobs and promote economic development in the base area.

10 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13080-Q, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 504, §1, is
11 further amended to read:

12 C. State income withholding taxes derived from employment at a business within the
13 base area are not eligible for use in the calculation of a payment to the fund ~~if to the~~
14 extent that the business is eligible during the current year to receive a payment under
15 any other program authorized by Title 36, Part 9 that is based on the amount of
16 employer withholding taxes and the business has made or makes an election to receive
17 that payment. A payment from the fund that an employer receives or is eligible to
18 receive based on a percentage of employer withholding taxes does not affect the
19 remaining percentage, which is eligible for use in the calculation of a payment to the
20 fund under this section.

21 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13080-Q, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 413, §1, is
22 further amended to read:

23 D. Payments made to the fund may not be made for tax years beginning on or after
24 July 1, ~~2026~~ 2046.

25 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13080-S, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 18, §1, is further
26 amended to read:

27 **3. Deposit and payment of revenue.** On or before July 15th of each year, the assessor
28 shall deposit an amount equal to ~~50%~~ 100% of the employment tax increment for the
29 preceding year into a contingent account established, maintained and administered by the
30 State Controller. On or before July 31st of each year, the assessor shall pay that amount to
31 the fund.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill:

34 1. Increases from 50% to 100% the amount of the employment tax increment the State
35 Tax Assessor is required to deposit into the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund;

36 2. Expands the allowable uses of the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund to include
37 electricity, telecommunications and the maintenance of buildings and facilities and
38 provides that covered municipal services and maintenance and restoration must relate to
39 projects involving the maintenance or restoration of buildings or facilities that will create
40 or retain jobs and promote economic development;

1 3. Extends the authority for payments to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund
2 from 2026 to 2046; and

3 4. Provides that a payment from the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund that an
4 employer receives or is eligible for based on a percentage of employer withholding taxes
5 does not affect the remaining percentage, which is eligible for use in the calculation of a
6 payment to the fund.