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An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2009-10

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves 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 2009-10 is as follows:

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$206,711
Education	12,416,196
Forest Fire Protection	160,000
Human Services - General Assistance	59,000
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	824,349
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	453,122
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TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$14,119,378
County Reimbursements for Services:	
Aroostook	\$885,417
Franklin	564,825
Hancock	154,505
Kennebec	872
Oxford	480,525
Penobscot	885,380
Piscataquis	1,389,350
Somerset	888,306
Washington	762,597
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TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$6,011,777
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TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$20,131,155

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements		\$20,131,155
Less Deductions:		
General -		
State Revenue Sharing		\$265,000
Homestead Reimbursement		100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		50,000
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TOTAL		\$415,000
Educational -		
Land Reserved Trust		\$80,000
Tuition/Travel		250,000
Miscellaneous		5,000
Special - Teacher Retirement		200,000
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TOTAL		\$535,000
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		\$950,000
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TAX ASSESSMENT		\$19,181,155

Sec. 2. Required notation. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 246, subsection 3, the following tax enhancement programs were approved by the county commissioners.

1. The Washington County commissioners approved a 20-year, 100%, 60/40 split tax enhancement program with the First Wind Company for windmills installed on Stetson Mountain in Township T8 R3 NBPP and Township T8 R4 NBPP.

2. The Franklin County commissioners approved a 20-year tax enhancement program with a 75%, 60/40 split for the first 10 years and a 50%, 60/40 split for the last 10 years with TranCanada for windmills installed on Kibby Mountain located in the townships of Kibby and Skinner.

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

SUMMARY

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