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**An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting
the Municipal Property Tax Levy**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to reduce uncertainty in the municipal budget process and to reduce the time and expense involved in the municipal budget process; 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. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 662, §2, is amended to read:

8. Posting of revenue sharing projections. For the purpose of assisting municipalities in a timely manner in their budget development process ~~and in the determination of their property tax levy limits as required by section 5721-A,~~ the Treasurer of State shall post no later than April 15th of each year on the Treasurer of State's website the projected revenue sharing distributions as required by this section according to the most recently issued state revenue forecasts issued by the Revenue Forecasting Committee pursuant to Title 5, chapter 151-B for the subsequent fiscal year beginning on July 1st.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5721-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. L, §§13 to 16, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §7102, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. C, §2 and affected by §§3 and 5 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §16, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1611, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 624, §1, is repealed.

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

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.