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An Act To Return Local Revenue Sharing to Full Funding

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and

Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DILL of Old Town, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, KRUGER of Thomaston, MAKER of Calais.

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,** it is crucial that the State provide some certainty for the revenue
4 distributions to local governments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and the fiscal
5 years thereafter before the start of fiscal year 2013-14 and before local governments
6 finish their budget decisions; and

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

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

12 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

13 G. "Revenue-sharing tax revenue" means the revenue collected from the taxes
14 imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1,
15 paragraphs A to F and L and credited to the General Fund.

16 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. S, §4
17 and affected by §16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

18 **5. Transfers to Local Government Fund.** No later than the 10th day of each
19 month, the State Controller shall transfer to the Local Government Fund a percentage of
20 the revenue-sharing tax revenue credited to the General Fund in the previous month
21 without any reduction, except that the postage, state cost allocation program and
22 programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the
23 Local Government Fund. The percentage of the revenue-sharing tax revenue to be
24 transferred is established as follows:

25 A. Five percent of the revenue-sharing tax revenue collected in months beginning
26 before June 30, 2013;

27 B. Three and one-half percent of the revenue-sharing tax revenue collected in
28 months beginning on or after July 1, 2013 but before June 30, 2014;

29 C. Four percent of the revenue-sharing tax revenue collected in months beginning on
30 or after July 1, 2014 but before June 30, 2015; and

31 D. Five percent of the revenue-sharing tax revenue collected in months beginning on
32 or after July 1, 2015.

33 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-D** is enacted to read:

34 **5-D. Transfers to Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund.** A percentage share of the
35 amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund from the General Fund each month
36 after deducting the transfers pursuant to subsection 5-C must be transferred to the
37 Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4-B as follows:

