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**An Act Relating to the Calculation of Population for Purposes of the
Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Public Safety
Answering Point Assessments**

(EMERGENCY)

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator: RECTOR of Knox.

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,** beginning July 1, 2012, municipalities with more than 4,000 residents are
4 required to enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code; and

5 **Whereas,** it is necessary to change the method of calculating the number of
6 residents in a municipality for the purpose of enforcement before that date to avoid undue
7 burdens and confusion; and

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

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

13 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9724, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

14 **1-B. Residents.** For the purposes of subsections 1 and 1-A, "residents" does not
15 include persons held at a correctional facility, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001,
16 subsection 6, within the municipality.

17 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1535, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

18 **3. Consideration of population.** If a fee established under this section for a
19 political subdivision is based in whole or in part on population, the population of the
20 political subdivision may not include persons held at a correctional facility, as defined in
21 Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6, within the political subdivision.

22 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2923-A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 622, §2, is amended to
23 read:

24 **§2923-A. Requirements of municipalities**

25 Each municipality that does not have a public safety answering point shall contract
26 with an entity that does have a public safety answering point, which may be the
27 department, for receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, directly dispatching emergency
28 services or, through transfer routing or relay routing, passing 9-1-1 calls to public or
29 private safety agencies that dispatch emergency services. If a municipality without a
30 public safety answering point does not enter into such an agreement, the department shall
31 serve as the public safety answering point for that municipality and the municipality shall
32 pay the department for the provision of those services. Fees received by the department
33 pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Consolidated Emergency
34 Communications Fund established in section 1534. If a fee assessed to a municipality for
35 services provided pursuant to an agreement under this section or by the department is
36 based in whole or in part on population, the population of the municipality may not
37 include persons held at a correctional facility, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001,
38 subsection 6, within the municipality.

