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**An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-
Municipal Revenue Sharing**

(EMERGENCY)

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

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,** state-municipal revenue sharing was decreased for fiscal years 2015-16,
4 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 from 5% to 2%, was 3% for fiscal year 2019-20 and is
5 3.75% for fiscal year 2020-21; and

6 **Whereas,** although the percentage of revenue sharing is scheduled to return to 5%
7 beginning July 1, 2021, the Governor's 2021-2022 budget proposes keeping the percentage
8 at 3.75% for the 2021-2023 biennium; and

9 **Whereas,** the decrease in funds shared with municipalities has had a drastic effect on
10 municipalities and their ability to provide services to their residents; and

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

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

16 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §5681, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. H, §1, is
17 further amended to read:

18 **5. Transfers to funds.** No later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller
19 shall transfer to the Local Government Fund 5% of the receipts during the previous month
20 from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection
21 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except
22 that for fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 the amount transferred is 2%,
23 for fiscal year 2019-20 the amount transferred is 3% ~~and~~, for fiscal year 2020-21 the amount
24 transferred is 3.75% and for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 the amount transferred is
25 4.25% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36,
26 Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and
27 credited to the General Fund without any reduction, and except that the postage, state cost
28 allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue
29 sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund. A percentage share of the amounts
30 transferred to the Local Government Fund each month must be transferred to the
31 Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4-B as follows:

32 C. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2009 but before July 1, 2010, 15%;

33 D. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2010 but before July 1, 2011, 16%;

34 E. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2011 but before July 1, 2012, 17%;

35 F. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2012 but before July 1, 2013, 18%;

36 G. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2013 but before July 1, 2014, 19%; and

37 H. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2014, 20%.

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

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SUMMARY

This bill, for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, sets the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing at 4.25%, which is one-half of a percentage point above the amount proposed in the Governor's 2021-2022 budget.