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No. 1668

S.P. 663

In Senate, April 17, 2025

An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black 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 DUSON of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §11, is further amended to read:

The first regular session of the Legislature, after its convening, ~~shall~~ may not adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature ~~shall~~ may not adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in April. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that a vote to extend the length of a regular session of the Legislature beyond the statutory adjournment date be done by 2/3 of the members of the Senate and House present and voting and instead requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate and House present and voting.