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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
AT THE

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(1) A person for whom an examiner has executed the certificate provided for under this section may be detained in a facility for as long as is necessary to obtain the endorsement by a judge or justice; provided that the person or persons transporting that person to the facility shall undertake to secure the endorsement forthwith upon execution of the certificate by the examiner.

D. Upon the endorsement by the judge or justice of the application and certificate, any health office, police officer or other person designated by the judge or justice shall be authorized to take the person into custody and to transport him to a facility as designated in the application. The county in which the person is found shall be responsible for any expenses of transportation for the person pursuant to this section, including return if admission is declined.

2. Client admitted no longer than 5 days. This section shall authorize the facility to admit the client for no longer than 5 days. If a petition for judicial certification is filed, the facility may additionally admit the client for a period not to exceed 25 days from the date of the application.

Effective July 6, 1978

## CHAPTER 636

### AN ACT to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date.

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

Whereas, legislative action is required to establish the dates for the adoption of school budgets; and

Whereas, local administrative units will need additional time to prepare and adopt school budgets; and

Whereas, the provisions of the present law are limited to the year 1977 only; and

Whereas, in the absence of an extension, an unnecessary hardship will be created for local administrative units; 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:

20 MRSA § 3754, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 264, §§ 2 and 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3754. School budget adoption; extension

Notwithstanding any provision of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to June 30, 1978, except that the school budgets for vocational regions shall be adopted on or before July 31, 1978. Municipal officers and school directors or trustees may not certify to the assessors any amount to be raised by taxation until such time as a final budget has been approved that includes the total educational cost estimates for the current or ensuing fiscal year. Expenditures may be made by municipalities or school districts after the commencement of, and prior to adoption of a final budget for, the current or ensuing fiscal years 1978 and 1979 based on interim or partial budgets adopted by the municipal officers, boards of directors of School Administrative Districts, or boards of trustees of community school districts. A final budget approved by a municipality or school district prior to the effective date of this section, may be reconsidered and any warrants issued to assessors pursuant to the adopted budgets may be revoked. If a municipal charter provides that a budget proposed by a municipal official or body becomes effective when the municipal legislative body fails to adopt a budget by a specified date or within a specified period of time and that date falls prior to July 1st, that date shall be governed by the provisions of this section for the calendar year 1978.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 9, 1978

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## CHAPTER 637

AN ACT Authorizing Municipalities to Provide Textbooks and Other Secular Services to Elementary and Secondary Pupils Attending Private Schools.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5104, sub-§§ 6, 7 and 8 are enacted to read:

6. Textbooks. Providing for the purchase of those secular textbooks which have been approved by the school committee or board of directors for use in public schools in the municipality or district and to loan those textbooks to pupils