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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

**AN ACT To Repeal the Law Providing a Uniform Fiscal Year for
Municipalities.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the administration of the Federal Government is seriously proposing a change in the federal fiscal year to the calendar year; and

Whereas, the implementation of chapter 439 of the public laws of 1969 may cause unnecessary financial hardship to the already overburdened property taxpayer; and

Whereas, chapter 439 must be repealed immediately to eliminate the uncertainty and confusion which may result from attempts to implement a bill which may be repealed; and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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 2055, repealed and replaced. Section 2055 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2055. Annual meeting

Each town shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the following town officials shall be elected by ballot: Moderator, selectmen and school committee.

A town may, at a meeting held at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting, designate other town officials to be elected by ballot. The election of officials at the last annual town meeting shall be deemed to be such a designation until the town otherwise acts. A town official may not be elected on a motion to cast one ballot.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 5151, sub-§ 3, repealed and replaced. Subsection 3 of section 5151 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. Municipal year defined. The municipal fiscal year shall be as determined by the municipal officers.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 5251, amended. The last paragraph of section 5251 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed.

Sec. 4. P. L., 1969, c. 369, §§ 5 - 7, repealed. Section 5 to 7 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969 are repealed.

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