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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT to Allow a Governor-elect an Additional Four Weeks for
Submission of the Budget.**

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1666, repealed and replaced. Section 1666 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1666. Review and revision of estimates

The Governor-elect or the Governor, with the assistance of the State Budget Officer, shall review the budget estimates, altering, revising, increasing or decreasing the items of said estimates as may be deemed necessary in view of the needs of the various departments and agencies and the total anticipated income of the State Government during the ensuing biennium. Such review shall cover all budgets regardless of source of funds, including, but not limited to, budgets related to the Highway Fund, the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, and other special revenue funds. The State Budget Officer, at the direction of the Governor-elect or the Governor shall then prepare a state budget document in the form required by law. The Governor-elect or the Governor shall be fully responsible for all budgetary recommendations made to the Legislature. The Governor shall transmit said budget document to the Legislature not later than the close of the 2nd week of the regular legislative session. A Governor-elect to his first term of office shall transmit said budget document to the Legislature not later than the close of the 6th week of the regular legislative session.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the budget review shall cover all budgets and that a Governor-elect to his first term shall have an additional 4 weeks in which to prepare and transmit the budget document.