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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1842

H. P. 1530

House of Representatives, April 23, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Without Reference to Committee, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE**

AN ACT Extending the Time During which School Budgets may be Adopted.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is currently considering amendments to the school funding laws that may substantially affect the portion of educational costs borne by property taxes during the current or ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, municipalities and school districts are required by law to adopt their annual budgets prior to specified times that may occur before the Legislature has acted upon such amendments; and

Whereas, it is vital that assessments committed for collection during the current or ensuing fiscal year accurately reflect the requirements of the most recent actions of the Legislature in order to avoid hardship or inconvenience to the taxpayers of the State; 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20 MRSA § 3717, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 15, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3717. School budget adoption period extended

Notwithstanding any provision of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts shall meet to adopt or adjust school or municipal budgets even though a budget meeting has already been concluded. The budget meeting shall be called following the enactment of the "School Finance Act of 1975" and shall be held no later than May 31, 1975.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.