

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 268**

H. P. 308

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Out of order, under suspension of rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee. Sent up for concurrence and ordered sent forthwith.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bagley of Winthrop.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Budget Requirements of the Town of Winthrop.**

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

Whereas, the town charter of the Town of Winthrop provides when the town budget shall take effect; and

Whereas, in the absence of information relating to school funding, school revenues or the uniform property tax, a final budget cannot be adopted by that date; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to suspend the provision in the charter relating to the final budget adoption date for the 1977 municipal year in order to obtain such information; 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:

**Town of Winthrop; budget requirement.** The last 2 sentences of Article V, section 502.4, within the charter of the Town of Winthrop, as they relate to 60-day requirements, shall be nonoperative for the municipal year 1977.

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

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The town charter states that unless the town council formally adopts the budget within 60 days following the town's fiscal year, the manager's budget shall become the approved town budget.

The provision established a date of March 1, 1977 as the date when the budget takes effect. Because neither the town council nor the town manager will have any information relating to school funding, school revenues or the uniform property tax, it is necessary to suspend that provision of the charter relating to final budget adoption dates.