

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 649

H. P. 534

House of Representatives, February 24, 1977

On motion of Mr. Curran of South Portland, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Allow a Governor an Additional Six Weeks for Submission of the Budget.

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

5 MRSA § 1666, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 732, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 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 8th week of the regular legislative session.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that a future Governor shall have an additional 6 weeks in which to prepare and transmit his budget to the Legislature. Provisions of the school finance law are in conflict with existing budget provisions making it impossible for a Governor to present a complete and balanced financial plan under existing law.