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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1824

H. P. 1616

House of Representatives, May 27, 1977

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rules 25. Read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to committee. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date until July 1st and
Vocational Region Budgets to August 1st.**

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 considering proposals for determining the spending ceiling on education; and

Whereas, the administrative units must have direction on the spending ceiling prior to making final budget determination, prepare, print and distribute adopted budgets prior to the budget meeting; 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. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 6, ¶ B, sub-¶ (5), as last amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 19-A, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in calendar year 1977 only, a budget shall be adopted by August 1, 1977.

Sec. 2. 20 **MRSA § 3754**, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 115, § 1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding any provisions of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to ~~June 15th~~ **July 1st**, 1977.

Sec. 3. 20 **MRSA § 3754**, last sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 115, § 2, is further amended to read:

If a municipal charter provides that a budget proposed by a municipal official or body becomes effective when the municipal legislative body fails to adopt a budget by a specified date or within a specified period of time and that date falls prior to ~~June 15th~~ **July 1st**, that date shall be governed by the provisions of this section for the calendar year 1977.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make available to all administrative units the spending ceiling determined by the Legislature which is essential prior to final budget determination.

The final budget adoption, the printing of a detailed budget document, the distribution of this document to the legislative body responsible for final budget approval at least 7 days before the initial meeting and the time sequence provided for setting up a regional budget meeting for the adoption of a vocational region budget necessitates an extension of final school budget adoption to July 1st and vocational region budgets to August 1st.