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L.D. 2199 (Filing No. H-1195)

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "L" to S.P. 748, L.D. 2199, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Lawsof Maine."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 371. 20 MRSA §4755, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. Not withstanding any provision 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 30<sup>th</sup>, except that the school budgets for vocational regions shall be adopted on or before August 1st.

Sec. 372. 20 MRSA §4755-A is enacted to read: §4755-A. School budget adoption; extension

Notwithstanding any provision 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 30, 1978, except that the school budgets for vocational regions shall be adopted on or before August 1, 1978. Municipal officers and school directors or trus-

tees may not certify to the assessors any amount to be raised by taxation until such time as a final budget has been approved the includes the total education cost estimates for the current or ensuing fiscal year. Expenditures may be made by municipalities or school districts after the commencement of, and prior to adoption of a final budget for, the current or ensuing fiscal years 1978 and 1979 based on interim or partial budgets adopted by the municipal officers, boards of directors of School Administrative Districts, or boards of trustees of community school districts. A final budget approved by a municipality or school district prior to March 7 , 1977, may be reconsidered and any warrants issued to assessors pursuant to the adopted budgets may be revoked. If a municipal charter provides that a budget proposed by a muni-/ cipal 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 July lst, that date shall be governed by the provisions of this section for the calendar year 1978.

## Statment of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that all school budgets shall be adopted by June  $30\,^{ ext{th}}$ except that the

school budgets for vocational regions shall be adopted on or before July 31st.

Filed by Mr. Strout of Corinth.

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