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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 5, L.D. 5, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Prepayment of State Bonded Debt."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT Concerning Certification of Surplus Funds for Property Tax Relief.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the title and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, PL 1977, chapter 721, enacted by the 108th Legislature, provides for a distribution of certain undedicated revenues during the spring of 1979; and

Whereas, this distribution will take place only if the State Budget Officer certifies to the Legislature on January 20, 1979 that there will be a sufficient surplus for fiscal year 1978-79 to provide for that distribution; and

Whereas, in making this certification, the State Budget Officer is required to take into account all outstanding contingencies; and

Whereas, Governor Brennan will submit his first budget to the Legislature in the 2nd week in February; and

Whereas, it is vital that the State Budget Officer and the Legislature be able to take into account this proposed budget in order to take into account all outstanding contingencies; and

Whereas, the date of the State Budget Officer's certification must therefore be moved to March 1, 1979 to permit this taking into account; 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:

36 MRSA §6149, sub-§8, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 721, §2, is amended to read:

The State Budget Officer shall document and certify to the Legislature on ~~January 20, 1979~~ March 1, 1979 whether or not a sufficient surplus for fiscal year 1978-79 will be available to provide the benefits described in section 6148.

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

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the date of the State Budget Officer's certification under PL 1977, chapter 721, "AN ACT to Provide for Property Tax Relief," to March 1, 1979, for reasons stated in the emergency preamble.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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