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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1072

S.P. 355 In Senate, April 1, 1987
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government
suggested. Under Suspension of the Rules, Read Twice and Passed
to Be Engrossed Without Reference to a Committee and Ordered
Printed. Ordered Sent Down Forthwith for Concurrence.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Amend the Approval Deadlines for the
2 Androscoggin and Aroostook County Budgets.
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4 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, under current law, the Legislature must
8 act on the Androscoggin and Aroostook County budgets
9 by April 1st; and

10 Whereas, the deadlines established by law must be
11 changed to allow sufficient time to properly accom-
12 plish this work; and

1 Whereas, if this legislation is not effective im-
2 mediately, Androscoggin and Aroostook Counties will
3 be forced to operate under an outdated budget; and

4 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
5 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
6 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
8 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §1425, sub-§5, as enacted by PL**
13 **1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §85-B, is amended to read:**

14 **5. Final budget approval.** Prior to January 15th
15 of the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared,
16 the budget committee shall submit the proposed budget
17 to the Legislature. The Legislature shall approve
18 or disapprove the budget as submitted prior to ~~April~~
19 1st May 1st of each year.

20 If the Legislature disapproves of the budget, the
21 budget committee shall submit within 15 calendar
22 days, new budget proposals in accordance with subsec-
23 tion 1 and the provisions of this section shall be
24 followed until a budget is finally approved.

25 The budget as approved by the Legislature shall be
26 the final authorization for the assessment of county
27 taxes. The budget shall be transmitted to the county
28 commissioners and the county tax authorized shall be
29 apportioned and collected in accordance with section
30 254. The budget for the unorganized territories will
31 be transmitted to the State as provided by section
32 5903.

33 The county shall, until a budget is finally adopted,
34 operate on an interim budget which shall not exceed
35 the previous year's budget.

36 The county commissioners may transfer funds as pro-
37 vided in section 252.

38 **Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §1455, sub-§6, as enacted by PL**
39 **1985, c. 806, is amended to read:**

1 6. Final budget approval. Before January 15th
2 of the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared,
3 the budget committee shall submit the proposed budget
4 to the Legislature. The Legislature shall approve or
5 disapprove the budget as submitted before ~~April--1st~~
6 May 1st of each year.

7 If the Legislature disapproves of the budget, the
8 budget committee shall submit, within 15 calendar
9 days, new budget proposals in accordance with subsec-
10 tion 1 and the provisions of this section shall be
11 followed until a budget is finally approved.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
13 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
14 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to extend the date by
17 which the Legislature must act on the Androscoggin
18 and Aroostook County budgets from April 1st to May
19 1st.

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