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No. 808

H.P. 565

House of Representatives, February 25, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, Representative LOOK of Jonesboro and Representative WATERMAN of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Provide Information to Persons Voting on Municipally Bonded
Indebtedness Proposals.**



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

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30-A MRSA §5404, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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5 1-A. Financial statements required. The treasurer of the
6 municipality shall prepare a signed statement to accompany any
7 question submitted to the electors for ratification of a
8 revenue-producing or revenue-refunding bond issue. The statement
9 must set forth:

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11 A. The total amount of bonds of the municipality
12 outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the
13 municipality authorized and unissued and the total amount of
14 bonds of the municipality contemplated to be issued if the
15 enactment submitted to the electors is ratified;

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17 B. An estimate and explanation of costs involved, including
18 varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on
19 the bond amount to be issued, the total cost of principal
20 and interest to be paid at maturity and any other
21 substantive information relating to the debt of the
22 municipality as the treasurer may deem appropriate; and

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24 C. A declaration that the validity of the bonds and of the
25 voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any
26 errors in the estimate made pursuant to paragraph B. If the
27 actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue
28 varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors
29 is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond
30 issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

35 This bill mandates that municipal bond referenda have the
36 same financial disclosure requirements as state bond referenda.
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