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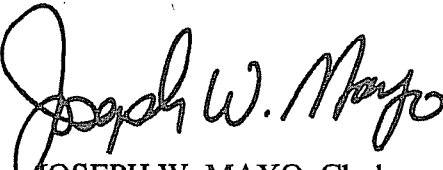
No. 237

H.P. 185

House of Representatives, February 1, 1993

An Act Regarding the Approval of School Warrants by Municipal Officers.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AULT of Wayne, KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15006, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by
6 PL 1987, c 402, Pt. A, §130, is repealed and the following
8 enacted in its place:

10 1. **Municipal schools.** Money appropriated for public
12 schools for educational purposes may be paid from the treasury of
14 a municipality by the treasurer of the municipality in the
16 following circumstances:

18 A. Upon written order of the municipal officers following
20 receipt of a bill of items certified by the superintendent
22 of schools and approved by a majority of the school board or
24 by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the
26 school board; or

28 B. Upon presentation of a disbursement warrant as provided
30 in Title 30-A, section 5603, subsection 2, paragraph A,
32 subparagraph (2).

34 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
36 271, is further amended to read:

38 A. Disburse Except as provided in subparagraphs 1 and 2,
40 disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for
42 the purpose by and signed by a majority of the municipal
44 officers;

46 (1) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy
48 to permit the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers. ~~No disbursements other than wages and benefits may be made until a majority of the municipal officers have signed the disbursement warrant;~~

50 (2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy
52 to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal
54 education costs when a disbursement warrant has been
56 signed by the school superintendent and approved by a
58 majority of the school board or by a finance committee
60 appointed or duly elected by the school board. The
62 policy must be filed with the town clerk and the
64 municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the
66 municipal officers;

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill permits payment of local education costs by the municipal treasurer upon the authorization of appropriate local school officials when a written policy to do so is adopted by the municipal officers.