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## 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 669

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

An Act to Facilitate State Payments.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn. Cosponsored by Representatives: CASHMAN of Old Town, COTE of Auburn, ERWIN of Rumford, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, TREAT of Gardiner, Senator: ESTY of Cumberland.

Be it	enacted	by the	People	of the	State of	'Maine	as follo	ws:
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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1543, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 312, §3, is amended to read:

No--money--shall Money may not be drawn from the appropriations except inaccordance with authorized by law. Every disbursement from the State Treasury shall must be upon the authorization of the State Controller and Treasurer of State, as--evidenced--by--their--facsimile signatures, except that the Treasurer of State may authorize interbank and intrabank transfers for purposes of pooled investments. Disbursements shall must be in the form of a check or an electronic transfer of funds against a designated bank or trust company acting as a depository of the State Government.

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Sec. 2. Electronic transfer of cash assistance payments. The Department of Human Services may give recipients of all cash assistance programs the option of receiving the cash assistance through an electronic transfer of funds. Cash programs include but are not limited to Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Additional Support for People in Retraining Education and child support collection payments. Department of Human Services may transfer electronically to municipalities all general assistance reimbursement owed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1161.

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Sec. 3. Electronic transfer of state payroll. Payroll payments to state employees may be made through electronic transfers of funds.

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Sec. 4. Electronic transfers to vendors and contractors. The State may make all payments to regular vendors and contractors through electronic transfers of funds. Regular vendors and contractors are individuals or entities that provide goods or services to the State and receive payments from the State at least 4 times per year.

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Sec. 5. Electronic transfer of retirement benefits. The Maine State Retirement System may make all payments to beneficiaries through electronic transfers of funds.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title section 1543 regarding disbursements of state funds to allow broader use of electronic transfer of funds and allows electronic transfers of funds to be expanded in the State's cash assistance programs, for the state employee payroll, for payments to the State's vendors and for state retirement benefits.