

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 318

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

**An Act Requiring That Disbursement Warrants Receive an Affirmative  
Vote by Municipal Officers.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, FARNUM of South Berwick, LIBBY of Kennebunk, MARSHALL of Eliot, MURPHY of Berwick, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

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

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**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
4 96, §2, is further amended to read:

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A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) and (2),  
8 disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for  
the purpose, affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of  
the municipal officers.

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(1) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy  
12 to permit the disbursement of employees' wages and  
benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed by  
14 one or more designated municipal officers. The policy  
must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal  
16 treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal  
officers.

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(2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy  
20 to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal  
education costs when a disbursement warrant has been  
22 signed by the school superintendent and approved by a  
majority of the school board or by a finance committee  
24 appointed or duly elected by the school board. The  
policy must be filed with the town clerk and the  
26 municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the  
municipal officers;

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This bill requires a formal affirmative vote of the majority  
of the municipal officers before a municipal treasurer can  
34 disburse money.