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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 608, L.D. 1612, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Requirement that Disbursement Warrants Receive an Affirmative Vote by Municipal Officers"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law requires that municipal disbursement warrants be approved by a majority of the municipal officers at public meetings; and

Whereas, for some municipalities, the law has created a hardship by requiring more frequent meetings and by the loss of early payment discounts on municipal bills; and

Whereas, this legislation provides a measure of relief for municipalities by authorizing municipalities through charter or ordinance to establish an alternative method of approving disbursement of municipal funds; and

Whereas, to provide maximum benefit to municipalities, this legislation must be enacted immediately; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

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