

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1995

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Legislative Document

No. 1612

S.P. 608

In Senate, December 8, 1995

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**An Act to Repeal the Requirement that Disbursement Warrants Receive  
an Affirmative Vote by Municipal Officers.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 6, 1995. Referred to the Committee  
on State and Local Government and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, CAREY of Kennebec,  
CARPENTER of York, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,  
HARRIMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNN of Gray, HARTNETT of Freeport,  
MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, REED of Falmouth, SAXL of Bangor.

**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 1995, c. 83, §1, is further amended to read:

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A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) and (2), 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 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.

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

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This bill repeals the language added by Public Law 1995, chapter 83 that requires an affirmative vote of the municipal officers on the disbursement warrant, in addition to the signatures of a majority of those officers, in order for the municipal treasurer to disburse money.