

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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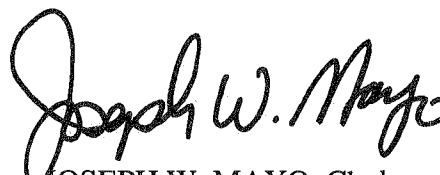
H.P. 48

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

**An Act Concerning Submission of the Legislative Budget within the Unified Budget Document.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARLETON of Wells.

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

4 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Operating budget. To prepare biennially a  
8 consolidated operating budget for the Legislature and to transmit  
10 that budget request to the State Budget Officer on or before  
12 September 1st of the even-numbered years. The Governor shall  
14 include in the budget submission the legislative budget without  
16 revision, in accordance with Title 5, 1664, but with  
18 recommendations the Governor considers proper;

20 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1664, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. S,  
22 §1, is further amended by adding before the last paragraph a new  
24 paragraph to read:

26 If the Governor submits legislation setting forth  
28 appropriations or allocations for the Legislature that differ  
30 from the full budget request submitted by the Legislature under  
32 Title 3, section 162, subsection 1-A, the Governor shall  
34 simultaneously submit a report to the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and  
financial affairs explaining why the Governor's budget  
legislation differs from the Legislature's budget submission.

### SUMMARY

This bill, modelled on similar law that applies to the  
Judicial Department budget, requires the Governor to include in  
the budget document the budget request as transmitted to the  
Governor by the Legislative Council. If the legislation  
submitted by the Governor differs from the Legislature's request,  
the Governor must explain why it differs.