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An Act To Promote Transparency in Budgeting

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town, McLAUGHLIN of Cape
Elizabeth, PELLON of Machias, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶N**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
393, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

6 N. Coordinate the development of solid waste management
8 policy including:

10 (1) Collecting and analyzing solid waste management
and recycling data from all available sources including
12 commercial and municipal entities;

14 (2) Preparing a solid waste management and recycling
plan to be submitted to the Governor and the
Legislature by January 1, 1998 and every 5 years
16 thereafter; and

18 (3) Providing technical and financial assistance to
municipalities in waste reduction and recycling
20 activities; and

22 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
625, Pt. A, §10, is amended to read:

24 O. Own, design, develop or operate, or contract with
26 private parties to operate, a solid waste disposal facility,
as provided in Title 38, chapter 24, subchapter IV, 4; and

28 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

30 P. Compile and make accessible to the public on a publicly
32 accessible site on the Internet those municipal budgets
submitted in accordance with Title 30-A, section 5657.

34 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5657** is enacted to read:

36 **§5657. Submission of annual municipal budget to State Planning**
38 **Office**

40 **1. Requirement.** A municipality shall submit annually to
42 the State Planning Office a copy of that municipality's annual
budget.

44 **2. Compilation and public dissemination of municipal**
budgets. The State Planning Office shall compile municipal
46 budgets submitted in accordance with subsection 1 and shall make
that information available to the public on a publicly accessible
48 site on the Internet.

2 3. Penalty for noncompliance. A municipality that fails to
3 submit its annual budget to the State Planning Office in
4 accordance with subsection 1 is not eligible to receive funds
5 through state-municipal revenue sharing under section 5681.

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill requires municipalities to submit copies of their
11 annual budgets to the State Planning Office, which will compile
12 the information and make it available on a publicly accessible
13 site on the Internet. A municipality that fails to submit a
14 copy of its budget as required is ineligible to receive funds
under state-municipal revenue sharing.