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**An Act To Allow a Municipality Greater Flexibility To Disburse
State Fees**

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath and

Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 549, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) ~~and (2) to (3)~~, and except as otherwise
5 provided by charter or ordinance, disburse money only on the authority of a warrant
6 drawn for the purpose, affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal
7 officers.

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

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

19 (3) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement
20 of state fees when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more
21 designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and
22 the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows a municipality greater flexibility to disburse state fees to the State by
25 reducing municipal processing requirements. This will encourage timely disbursing of
26 state fees to the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.