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H.P. 226

House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Municipal Disbursement Warrants

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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 2009, c. 6, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) to ~~(3)~~ (4), 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 disbursement
9 of employees' wages and benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed
10 by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the
11 town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the
12 municipal officers.

13 (2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement
14 of payments for municipal education costs when a disbursement warrant has been
15 signed by the school superintendent and approved by a majority of the school
16 board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board.
17 The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and
18 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 (4) The municipal officers in municipalities that have entered into an interlocal
24 agreement pursuant to chapter 115 and have one deposit account may adopt a
25 written policy to permit the disbursement of money when a disbursement warrant
26 has been signed by the chair of the municipal officers in each municipality. The
27 policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each
28 municipality and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers in each
29 municipality;

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill allows municipalities that have entered into an interlocal agreement pursuant
32 to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 115 to adopt a written policy that
33 allows their treasurer to disburse money when a disbursement warrant has been signed by
34 the chair of the municipal officers in each municipality involved in the interlocal
35 agreement. Current law requires the warrant to be voted on and signed by a majority of
36 the municipal officers in each municipality.