

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 497

H.P. 390

House of Representatives, February 14, 2011

### An Act To Amend the Powers and Duties of Municipal Treasurers

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and  
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Easton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FOSTER  
of Augusta, LIBBY of Waterboro, LONG of Sherman, McFADDEN of Dennysville, PARRY  
of Arundel.

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), and except as otherwise provided  
5 by charter or ordinance, disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for  
6 the purpose, affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal officers.

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

20 (3) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement  
21 of state fees when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more  
22 designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and  
23 the municipal treasurer and ~~renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers~~  
24 remains in effect until amended or revoked by a subsequent vote of the municipal  
25 officers;

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides that written policies adopted by municipal officers permitting  
28 certain disbursements remain in effect until amended or revoked.