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H.P. 61

House of Representatives, January 14, 2015

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Annual Municipal Report Requirement

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: RUSSELL of Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2801, sub-§§1 and 2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.
3 A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and
4 10, are further amended to read:

5 **1. Record of financial transactions.** The report ~~shall~~ must contain a ~~record~~
6 summary of all financial transactions of the municipality during the last municipal year.
7 It may include an itemized list of receipts and disbursements indicating to whom and for
8 what purpose each amount was paid.

9 **2. Statement of assets and liabilities; delinquent taxpayers.** The report ~~shall~~ must
10 contain a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the municipality ~~including; the~~
11 report may include a list of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each. ~~It~~
12 ~~shall~~ The report also may contain any engineering and survey reports relating to the
13 boundaries of the municipality and all related proceedings and actions of the municipal
14 officers, together with any other information that the municipal officers consider to be of
15 historical significance.

16 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2801, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and
17 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is
18 repealed.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill makes the following changes regarding the statutory requirements regarding
21 annual municipal reports:

22 1. It allows a summary of all financial transactions in lieu of a record of all financial
23 transactions;

24 2. It makes the listing of delinquent taxpayers and engineering and survey reports
25 optional; and

26 3. It eliminates the penalty for a municipal official who refuses or neglects to
27 perform a duty related to annual reporting.