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H.P. 366

House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative WOOD of Greene. Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FULLER of Lewiston, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MAKER of Washington.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to be effective prior to the enactment by the 4 Legislature of the 2017-2019 biennial budget; and
- 5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,
- 9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1666-B is enacted to read:

## 11 §1666-B. Delay of enactment of budget

- Notwithstanding section 1666-A, the Legislature may not finally enact a biennial or
  supplemental budget sooner than 3 calendar days following the report of that budget from
  the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.
- 15 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 16 legislation takes effect when approved.

## 17 SUMMARY

18 This bill requires at least 3 calendar days to have elapsed between the day the joint 19 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and 20 financial affairs reports out a biennial or supplemental budget and when that budget is 21 finally enacted by the Legislature.