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CHAPTER 41

AN ACT to Suspend Certain Municipal Charter Provisions to Fiscal Year Transitions.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the provisions of the certain municipal charters limit municipal fiscal years in a manner that creates severe difficulties in a transition to a new fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain municipal charter restrictions are more restrictive than the general law; and

Whereas, municipalities may desire to change fiscal years to conform to the fiscal years of the local schools during the present year; and

Whereas, amendments to municipal charters could not be adopted in time to allow the transition this year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

30 MRSA § 5110, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 651, § 3, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

From January 1, 1977, to July 1, 1978, any municipal charter provision that requires a minimum period for a municipal fiscal year may be suspended, by majority vote of the municipal legislative body, in order to allow a change in municipal fiscal years under this section. During the same period, any municipal charter provision requiring a period for tax anticipatory borrowing not to exceed the municipal fiscal year may also be suspended, by majority vote of the municipal legislative body, provided that the period for tax anticipatory borrowing during this period shall not exceed one year.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 23, 1977

CHAPTER 42

AN ACT to Allocate Money from Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977, and for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978.