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approved revised budget shall be transmitted to the State Auditor within 15 days of the budget committee's action.

§1407. Filing of county budget

A copy of the final budget and subsequent amendments, shall be filed on forms approved by the Department of Audit, with the State Auditor, who shall retain them for a period of 3 years.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 224

H.P. 1054 - L.D. 1530

AN ACT to Increase Citizen Participation in
the Municipal Charter Revision
Process.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §1913, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Charter modification summaries. Where a proposed charter revision is submitted to the voters in separate questions as charter modifications under section 1915, subsection 1, paragraph A, and the municipal officers, with the advice of an attorney, determine that it is not practical to print the proposed charter modification on the ballot and that a summary would not misrepresent the subject matter of the proposed modification, a summary of the modification may be substituted for the text of the proposed modification in the same manner as a summary is substituted for a proposed amendment under section 1914.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §1915, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 563, is amended to read:

1. Charter revision or adoption. In Except as provided in paragraph A, in the case of a charter revision or a charter adoption the question to be submitted to the voters shall be in substance as follows:

"Shall the municipality approve the (charter revision) (new charter) recommended by the charter commission?"

A. If the charter commission, in its final report under section 1913, subsection 5, recommends that the present charter continue in force with only a few modifications, those modifications may be submitted to the voters in as many separate questions as the commission finds practicable. The determination to submit the charter revision in separate questions under this paragraph and the number and content of these questions must be made by a majority of the charter commission.

(1) If a charter commission decides to submit the charter revision in separate questions under this paragraph, each question to be submitted to the voters shall be in substance as follows:

"Shall the municipality approve the charter modification recommended by the charter commission and reprinted (summarized) below?"

Sec. 3. 30 M.R.S.A. §1915, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1973, c. 388, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Effective date. If a majority of the ballots cast on any question under ~~subsections~~ subsection 1 or 2 favor acceptance, the new charter, charter revision, charter modification or charter amendment becomes effective as provided below, provided the total number of votes cast for and against the question equals or exceeds 30% of the total votes cast in the municipality at the next previous gubernatorial election.

A. Charter revisions, charter modifications or new charters adopted by the voters shall become effective immediately but only for the purpose of conducting necessary elections, otherwise charter revisions, charter modifications and new charters become effective on the first day of the next succeeding municipal year.

B. Charter amendments adopted by the voters shall become effective on the first day of the next succeeding municipal year or on a date determined by the municipal officers, whichever occurs first.