

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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B. The director or deputy director of the Maine State Housing Authority;

C. The Commissioner of Finance or the State Budget Officer; and

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

Effective June 24, 1991.

## CHAPTER 512

S.P. 660 - L.D. 1736

### An Act to Authorize Municipal Guarantees of Council of Government Obligations

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

**Whereas,** certain municipalities in the State are willing to lend financial support to councils of government by guaranteeing loans for them; and

**Whereas,** there is some question as to whether such a guarantee may be made under the State's existing law; and

**Whereas,** the councils of government provide important services to the State's municipalities; and

**Whereas,** it is in the best interests of the State and its municipalities to support the councils of government; 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-A MRSA §2316, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Guarantees. Notwithstanding any law, charter, ordinance or limitation to the contrary, any one or more member municipalities of the Greater Portland Council of Governments may guarantee notes or other indebtedness or obligations of the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

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

Effective June 24, 1991.

## CHAPTER 513

H.P. 1193 - L.D. 1746

### An Act to Establish a Budget Process for Sagadahoc County

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

**Whereas,** the adjournment date of the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature is uncertain; and

**Whereas,** the notification to county municipal officers to caucus to elect the budget advisory committee membership must be made before September 15th; 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-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 9 is enacted to read:

#### ARTICLE 9

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### §881. Budget; appropriations; approval

Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Sagadahoc County the county commissioners may appropriate money according to a budget that must be approved by a majority of the county commissioners.

##### §882. Interim budget

If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, until a budget is finally adopted, the county shall operate on an interim budget that may not exceed 80% of the previous year's budget.

##### §883. Advisory committee

There is established a Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee as provided in this section.

1. Budget advisory committee membership. The municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget advisory committee members by the following procedure.

A. The budget advisory committee consists of 9 members: two municipal officers from each of the 3