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Whereas, the budget management system contains financial information important to the review and analysis of budgets in State 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:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1667-A is enacted to read:

§1667-A. Access to budget management system data

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall provide the Office of Fiscal and Program Review with electronic access, including report-writing capabilities, to those aspects of the budget management system presently referred to as the "budget analyst tool," except for those specific aspects of the system involved in budget recommendations that have been made or are being considered by the Governor or Governor-elect but have not yet been transmitted to the Legislature. For purposes of this section, "budget management system" and "budget analyst tool" include information used by the Bureau of the Budget to develop, analyze and review budgeted and actual revenue and expenditure information.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Legislative Council shall provide the Bureau of the Budget, upon the bureau's request, with enacted budget bills in a data processing form that permits the electronic conversion of data to the budget management system.

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

Effective April 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 42

H.P. 151 - L.D. 199

An Act Concerning the Competitive Bidding Process in Cooperative Projects between the State and the Maine Technical College System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 785, §2, is amended to read:

E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System or the Maine Technical College System involving:

- (1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system or technical college system to fulfill its mission of teaching, research and public service; and
- (2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs; or

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 43

H.P. 45 - L.D. 39

An Act to Require an Endorser's Authorization for a Candidate To Use an Endorsement

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014-A is enacted to read:

§1014-A. Endorsements of political candidates

1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "endorsement" means an expression of support for the election of a clearly identified candidate by methods including but not limited to the following: broadcasting stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising facilities, direct mails or other similar types of general public political advertising or through computer networks, flyers, handbills, bumper stickers and other nonperiodical publications.

2. Authorization. A candidate may not use an endorsement unless the endorser has expressly authorized its use. The communication must clearly and conspicuously state that the endorsement has been authorized. If applicable, the communication must also satisfy the requirements of section 1014.

3. Civil forfeiture. A candidate who uses an endorsement without the authorization of the endorser violates this section and is subject to a civil forfeiture of no more than \$200.

4. Enforcement. The full amount of the forfeiture is due within 30 days of the commission's determination that an endorsement has been used without the endorser's authorization. The commission