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## **An Act To Allow a Municipality Greater Flexibility To Disburse State Fees**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 549, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) ~~and (2)~~ to (3), and except as otherwise provided by charter or ordinance, disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for the purpose, affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal officers.

(1) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers.

(2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal education costs when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the school superintendent and approved by a majority of the school board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

(3) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of state fees when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

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