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An Act To Amend the Law Governing Municipal Disbursement Warrants

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §5603, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 6, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) to ~~(3)~~(4), 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;

(4) The municipal officers in municipalities that have entered into an interlocal agreement pursuant to chapter 115 and have one deposit account may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of money when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the chair of the municipal officers in each municipality. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each municipality and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers in each municipality;

SUMMARY

This bill allows municipalities that have entered into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30A, chapter 115 to adopt a written policy that allows their treasurer to disburse money when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the chair of the municipal officers in each

municipality involved in the interlocal agreement. Current law requires the warrant to be voted on and signed by a majority of the municipal officers in each municipality.