

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1452

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7 H.P. 1101

House of Representatives, April 12, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up  
9 for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.

Cosponsors: Representative Wentworth of Wells, Senator Wood of York  
and Representative Daggett of Manchester.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Authority of the  
18 County Commissioners over the Operation of all  
19 County Offices.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 30 MRSA §66, as amended by PL 1981, c. 698, §138,  
24 is amended to read:

25 §66. County commissioners' authority

26 The county commissioners shall have final author-  
27 ity over the operation of all county offices by  
28 elected or appointed county officers, except in cir-  
29 cumstances for which a County Personnel Board has  
30 been established under subchapter VII with the powers  
31 and duties set forth in that subchapter and in  
32 section 64-A. It is the intent of this section that  
33 the county commissioners shall act as a board and not

1 on an individual basis whenever they give orders or  
2 directives to county officers or county employees,  
3 except to those county employees directly employed by  
4 the county commissioners.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to require county  
7 commissioners to give orders to other county officers  
8 and employees only after the matter in question has  
9 been brought before the full board for discussion and  
10 decision. At present, there is nothing to prevent 3  
11 different county commissioners from giving 3 sets of  
12 directions to the same county officer or employee  
13 which only produces confusion and resentment on the  
14 part of all parties.

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