

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 387

House of Representatives, February 12, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Representative CARLETON of Wells and Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Allow the County Administrator to Assume the Duties of  
County Treasurer in Counties with an Administrator.**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §82, sub-§3, as affected by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is amended to read:

3. **Duties.** The county administrator is the chief administrative official of the county and is responsible for the administration of all departments and offices controlled by the county commissioners. The county administrator shall act as the clerk of the county. The county administrator shall act as purchasing agent for all departments and offices of the county, although the county commissioners may require that all purchases greater than a designated amount must be submitted to sealed bid. The county administrator shall attend all meetings of the county commissioners, except when the county administrator's removal or suspension is being considered. The county administrator shall keep the county commissioners and the county legislative delegation informed as to the financial condition of the county and shall collect all data necessary to prepare the budget. The county administrator shall act as treasurer of the county when the office of treasurer has been abolished in accordance with the provisions of section 156.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §156, sub-§4, as affected by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is amended to read:

4. **Term; compensation; qualifications.** Upon abolition of the position of elected county treasurer under this section, the county commissioners shall appoint a treasurer to serve at their will and, notwithstanding section 154, with the compensation they set. The treasurer must be qualified in matters of business administration and finance. The appointed treasurer has all authority granted to treasurers under this subchapter and is subject to all the requirements of this subchapter. Whenever the county commissioners appoint a county administrator under section 82, they shall appoint that county administrator to act as the treasurer of the county.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Present law allows county commissioners to abolish the elected office of county treasurer if their decision is approved by the voters of the county. This bill requires that counties who employ a county administrator assign the duties of the treasurer to the county administrator, if the elected office of county treasurer is abolished.