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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1542**

S.P. 626

In Senate, April 10, 2025

### **An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and  
Representatives: STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2       **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §900-B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 23, §1, is further amended  
3 to read:

4       **§900-B. Advisory committee**

5       There is established the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee as provided  
6 in this section.

7       **1. Municipal officers; election; term.** ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsections 2 and  
8 2-A, the municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget  
9 advisory committee members by the following procedure.

10       A. No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, the county  
11 commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the county to caucus by county  
12 commissioner districts at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing at  
13 least one municipal officer from each district as a member of the budget advisory  
14 committee; except that, in 1992, at least 3 municipal officers must be selected from  
15 each district unless the municipal officers of a district decide that another person from  
16 that district would be better qualified. A municipality may not be represented by more  
17 than one officer at a time. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting  
18 moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be received from the floor. The  
19 nominee receiving the most votes is approved as a budget advisory committee member  
20 except that, in 1992, each caucus shall elect 3 members. The names of those elected  
21 by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the county commissioners.

22       B. Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms except that, in 1992, one  
23 member from each district must be elected for a one-year term, one member for a 2-  
24 year term and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget advisory committee member  
25 ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, that committee  
26 member vacates membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified  
27 municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

28       A municipal officer elected as a member of the budget advisory committee may name a  
29 designee to serve on the committee.

30       **2. Legislative member.** ~~The~~ Prior to October 15, 2025, the Washington County  
31 legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in  
32 Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee.  
33 By October 15, 2025 and by October 15th of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the  
34 Washington County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, one member of  
35 the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory  
36 committee for a 2-year term as a voting member. If the selected member resigns from the  
37 Legislature or from the budget advisory committee during the member's term of office, the  
38 Washington County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, another member  
39 of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve the remainder of the term.  
40 The Washington County legislative delegation may replace a member selected pursuant to  
41 this subsection to serve on the budget advisory committee by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

42       **2-A. Member from unorganized territory.** The county commissioners shall appoint  
43 one member who is a resident of the unorganized territory in Washington County as a  
44 voting member of the budget advisory committee to serve a 3-year term.

**3. Chair.** The budget advisory committee shall annually select one of its members to chair the committee.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Washington County commissioners to appoint one member who is a resident of the unorganized territory in Washington County as a voting member of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee to serve a 3-year term. It also requires the Washington County legislative delegation to select by majority vote, by October 15, 2025 and by October 15th of every odd-numbered year thereafter, one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a 2-year term as a voting member. Current law requires the Washington County legislative delegation to annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee.