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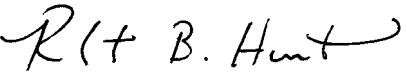
H.P. 1014

House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

### **Resolve, Regarding Increasing the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners**

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

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Sidney.

**Sec. 1. Apportionment commission. Resolved:** That the Kennebec County commissioners may establish an apportionment commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," in accordance with the procedure established in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A to apportion the Kennebec County commissioner districts to increase the number of county commissioner districts in Kennebec County. If the Kennebec County commissioners establish an apportionment commission, the commission, by October 1, 2026, shall develop a plan with maps to increase the number of county commissioner districts from 3 to 5. The plan must include the initial terms of office for each county commissioner district. The plan to increase the number of districts must designate 2 commissioners to have 2-year initial terms and 3 commissioners to have 4-year initial terms.

**Sec. 2. County referendum. Resolved:** That the Kennebec County commissioners may submit the plan developed pursuant to section 1 to the voters of Kennebec County at the statewide election held in November 2026. The method of voting and the conduct of the referendum are governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, and the county commissioners or county administrator shall perform the duties of the Secretary of State prescribed by Title 21-A in the same manner as county commissioners and county administrators are required to do in the case of a county bond referendum election held pursuant to Title 30-A, section 938. The subject matter of this resolve must be reduced to the following question:

"Do you favor increasing the number of Kennebec County commissioner districts from 3 to 5 and staggering the terms of the 5 county commissioners beginning in 2028?"

The voters shall indicate their opinion on this question by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No." The question must be approved by a majority of the legal voters casting ballots at the referendum election.

The results of the referendum must be declared by the county commissioners or county administrator and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days after the date of the election.

**Sec. 3. Submit to Legislature. Resolved:** That, if the referendum question submitted to the legal voters of Kennebec County in accordance with section 2 passes by majority vote, the plan developed in accordance with section 1 must be submitted by the commission to the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than January 15, 2027 for enactment by the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 4. Election of county commissioners. Resolved:** That the election of Kennebec County commissioners in the reapportioned districts approved pursuant to section 3 must take place at the statewide election held in November 2028.

## SUMMARY

This resolve proposes to increase the number of commissioners for Kennebec County from 3 to 5. The resolve will put the question out to the voters of Kennebec County in November 2026.