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AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REGIONAL PLANNING Cahill COMMISSIONS FROM PROVIDING ANY CON-TRACTUAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPALITIES WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR

SUMMARY: Although not enacted, this bill became the subject of a study for the Committee. It originally focussed on prohibiting regional planning commissions from competing with the private sector. The scope of the committee inquiry expanded to include profit-making activities of regional planning commissions or spin-off corporations of planning commissions.

784 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND ESTABLISH THE Chonko P&SL 1983, C.21 BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM AND THE TOWN OF BOWDOIN

SUMMARY: Places a surveyor's description of this boundary line into the Private & Special Laws.

786 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A REFERENDUM TO Carter ONTP ABOLISH COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND AUTH-ORIZE REASSIGNMENT OF ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

> SUMMARY: Sought to place this question out to a 1983 referendum: "Shall county government be abolished and its functions and duties reassigned to appropriate state and municipal departments and agencies?" An affirmative vote would have required the Legislature to enact legislation assigning current county government functions, duties, and powers to the State and to municipalities before the repeal of county government would be effective in 1985.

854 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL Foster PL 1983, C.178 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES OF PRISONERS

SUMMARY: As finally enacted, this put into the statutes current Medicaid eligibility practices which permit immates of public institutions to be Medicaid eligible during the first partial month in which they become immates. This eligibility under State law is conditioned on its conformance with federal law, to avoid the loss of matching federal funds.

855 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION Mayo PL 1983, C.134 OF COUNTY PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBERS

SUMMARY: Permits county commissioners to pay or not pay county personnel board members. Some counties use volunteer members who do not expect or want payment.

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