

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Collection and Disposal of Solid Wastes by the  
Washington County Commissioners.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, §§ 413 - 415, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding the following new sections 413 to 415 to read as follows:

§ 413. Powers and duties of the Washington County commissioners

The county commissioners of Washington County are empowered to operate a solid waste collection and disposal system in Washington County and in areas contiguous to Washington County.

§ 414. Towns and others served

All towns and unorganized townships with 25 persons or more shall be served. The county commissioners may contract with other towns, governmental agencies and private enterprise for collection and disposal services.

§ 415. Fees to towns and unorganized territories

Each town or unorganized township served shall be assessed for the cost of the operation. Such costs shall be prorated on the basis of population, as determined by the last decennial census. Assessment to towns outside the county, governmental agencies and private enterprise shall be based upon population, waste volume, haul distance or other equitable formula.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Washington County Commissioners and the Washington County Regional Planning Commission have been considering for some months the feasibility and desirability of a county-wide solid waste collection and disposal system. Preliminary planning indicates that such a system would be economical, as well as provide a greater service to the people of Washington County.

Individual Washington County communities will find it difficult both economically and technically to meet future air pollution regulations, requiring closing of open burning dumps.

It is planned to have engineering plans developed for the system during the next few months.

Funds for the project from federal agencies have been explored, which will provide the capital costs of the project. It is proposed that the County Commissioners operate the project and defray operating costs, as provided for in this Act.