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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 919, L.D. 1132, Bill,
"AN ACT to Authorize the Appropriation of Funds for Full-time
County Administrators."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated
"§ 61." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§61. County administrator

The county commissioners of all counties are authorized and
empowered to appropriate funds for the hiring of a full-time
county administrator. The county administrator shall be chosen
by the Board of County Commissioners solely on the basis of his
executive and administrative qualifications with special
reference to his actual experience in, or his knowledge of,
the duties of office as set forth in the policies established
by the Board of County Commissioners and by law. At the time
of his appointment, he need not be a resident of the county, but
during his tenure of office he may reside outside the county only
with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. A
county administrator may not hold any other elective or appointed
county office.

The county administrator shall hold office for an indefinite
term unless otherwise specified by contract. The county
commissioners, with the advice of the county legislative
delegation, shall determine the compensation of the county
administrator. The county administrator may be removed or
suspended for cause by the county commissioners in accordance

with the procedure for removing or suspending a town manager under section 2313. In the absence or during the disability of the county administrator, the county commissioners may appoint an official of the county to perform the duties of the administrator.

The county administrator shall be the chief administrative official of the county and shall be responsible for the administration of all departments and offices over which the county commissioners have control. He shall act as purchasing agent for all departments and offices of the county, provided that the county commissioners may require that all purchases greater than a designated amount shall be submitted to sealed bid. He shall attend all meetings of the county commissioners, except when his removal or suspension is being considered. He shall keep the county commissioners and the legislative delegation of the county informed as to financial condition of the county and shall collect all data necessary for the preparation of the budget.

If the county commissioners hire a full-time county administrator, regardless of the source of the funds for the administrator's salary, the salary of each county commissioner shall be reduced to 1/2 of the salary provided under section 2, during the term of such administrator, provided such reduction shall not lower any county commissioner's salary below \$1,500 per year.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to establish qualifications, powers and duties of the county administrator and to require a reduction in salary for county commissioners when a county administrator is hired.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.

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