

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1132

H. P. 919

House of Representatives, March 19, 1975

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Authorize the Appropriation of Funds for Full-time
County Administrators.**

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

30 MRSA § 61 is enacted to read:

§ 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 or her executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his or her actual experience in, or his or her 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 or her appointment, he or she need not be a resident of the county or state, but during his or her tenure of office he or she 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable the county commissioners of all counties to appoint a full-time county administrator. As state, county and municipal governments become more complex with additional laws, federal grants and intergovernmental relations, it is apparent that some counties need

full-time administrators. The full-time county administrator concept is already being tried on the basis of the implied powers of county commissioners in Aroostook County with success. The County Commissioners of Piscataquis County have hired an administrative assistant to the commissioners, through a federal grant, and this program is also considered to be successful.