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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT To Enable Counties to Hire County Administrators.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 61, as enacted by P. L. 1975, c. 494, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 201, as repealed and replaced by P. L. 1975, c. 254, § 5, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

In counties having a county administrator, the administrator shall also perform the duties of the clerk of the county, and the commissioners shall not appoint a clerk.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 202 is enacted to read:

§ 202. County Administrator

The county commissioners of all counties are authorized and empowered to appropriate funds for the hiring of a 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, except as provided in this section.

The county administrator shall hold office for an indefinite term unless otherwise specified by contract. The county commissioners 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 the clerk of the county. 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, they shall not appoint another person as clerk of the county.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable each county to hire a county administrator and to establish the qualifications, powers and duties of the administrator. When an administrator is appointed under this section, he will also perform the duties of the clerk of the county and no clerk shall be appointed.