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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 214, L.D. 224, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Clarify and Reform the Laws Relating to County Law  
Enforcement."

Amend the Bill in section 2 by inserting at the end of  
subsection 3 of that part designated "§853." the following:  
'"County law enforcement duties" under this subsection does not  
include acting as a court officer, and any compensation for  
acting as a court officer shall not be included in the \$2,500 limit  
of this subsection.'

Further amend the Bill in section 11 by striking out all  
of the first paragraph of subsection 1 of that part designated  
"§958." and inserting in its place the following:  
'1. Full-time deputies.  
√Full-time deputies shall be compensated at a rate not less than  
\$21 per day, based on a 7-day work week, or at a rate not less  
than \$23 per day, based on a 7-day work week, if the deputy has:'  
and by inserting at the end of subsection 2 of that part designated  
"§958." the following: 'Compensation paid to a part-time deputy  
for serving as a court officer shall not be included in the  
\$2,500 limitation on compensation.'

Further amend the Bill in section 13 by striking out all of  
subsections 2 and 4 of that part designated "§1001." and inserting  
in their place the following:

'2. County commissioners' duties. The county commissioners  
shall regularly review the sheriff's operations and shall insure  
that the law enforcement functions required under the budget

are being adequately performed. The county commissioners shall not give orders directly to any deputies or other subordinates of the sheriff, either publicly or privately.

4. Other orders. Sheriffs shall obey all orders relating to law enforcement which they receive from the Governor.'

Further amend the Bill in section 15 by striking out in the 7th line (6th line in L.D.) of that part designated "§1123." the underlined words "police chiefs" and inserting in their place the underlined word 'officers'

Further amend the Bill in section 15 by striking out all of that part designated "§1127." and inserting in its place the following:

'§1127. Ambulance services

Each county may provide ambulance service throughout the county. The ambulance service may be provided to all or part of the county and may be provided by county personnel and vehicles or by contract with private organizations, corporations or persons or with municipalities under section 63 or chapter 203.'

Further amend the Bill in section 16 by striking out all of the first sentence of that part designated "§1132." and inserting in its place the following:

'The county personnel board shall be composed of not less than 3 nor more than 5 members who shall not be county officers or employees.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 16 the following:

'Sec. 17. 30 MRSA §1051, sub-§16, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 129, is repealed.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering section 17 to be section 18.

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes the following changes:

1. Bases the minimum salary of deputy sheriffs on a 7-day work week;
2. Clarifies that the maximum compensation for part-time deputies does not include compensation for serving as a court officer;
3. Removes the authority of commissioners to set general policy for the sheriff's department, and to direct the sheriff to perform other duties;
4. Changes the communication center consulting group from municipal police chiefs to municipal officers;
5. Removes the referendum requirement on county ambulance service;
6. Allows the county personnel board to be composed of 3 to 5 members and prohibits any county employee from being appointed; and
7. Repeals the compensation for special services required of deputies.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Local and County Government.

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