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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 154, L.D. 394, Bill, "AN ACT to Remove Restrictions on the Salary of County Commissioners who Hire Full-time County Administrators."

Amend the bill in the title by inserting at the end, before the period, the following: 'with the Approval of the County Legislative Delegation'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'30 MRSA §202, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 736, §3, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
However, if a majority of the legislative delegation from that county vote to permit the county commissioners to retain their annual salary notwithstanding the fact that they have hired a full-time county administrator, the county commissioners may retain their annual salary.'

Statement of Fact

The present statute provides that if county commissioners hire a full-time county administrator, they lose their annual salaries. In large counties, such as Aroostook, where county commissioners must stay away from their homes overnight to attend county commissioner meetings, this law works a hardship, for many commissioners cannot afford to serve without their annual salaries.

This amendment permits the legislative delegation of this kind of county to recognize this hardship and to permit their county commissioners to retain their annual salaries.

Filed by Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus.

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