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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 646, L.D. 790, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require County Commissioners to Notify Municipal
Legislative Bodies of County Budget Hearings."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1977,
c. 27, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, prior to
November 7th in each year, shall prepare estimates of the sums
necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably
accrue for the coming year, including the building and repairing
of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their
counties.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §252, 2nd¶, last sentence, as amended by
PL 1977, c. 27, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §252, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, §3,
is further amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following:

The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county
on these estimates prior to December 1st. Notice of the hearing
shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper
of general circulation within the county. * written notice and
a copy of the estimates shall be sent by registered or certified
mail with return receipt requested, or delivered by hand in person,
with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality
in the county and to each member of the Legislature from the county
at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The municipal clerks shall
notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the notice and
estimates.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §253, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended
by PL 1977, c. 27, §4, is repealed.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the provisions
of the law and to require municipal clerks to notify
municipal officers of receipt of county budget esti-
mates.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.

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