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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 877, L.D. 1102,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning County Contingent Funds and the
Rate of Interest Which May be Charged for Delinquent
County Taxes."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning after
the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1, sub-§8, as last amended by
PL 1975, c. 761, §3, is further amended to read:

8. County office. "County office" means the office
of the judge of probate, register of probate, county
treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff, and district
attorney ~~and-county-commissioner.~~

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §701, sub-§2, ¶C, is amended to
read:

C. Terms of certain candidates. When 2 United
States Senators ~~or-2-county-commissioners~~ are to
be nominated, the term of office sought by each
candidate must be specified on the ballot.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §702, sub-§2, ¶E, is amended to
read:

E. Terms of Senate candidates. When 2 United
States Senators ~~or-2-county-commissioners~~ are to
be elected, the term of office sought by each
nominee must be specified on the ballot.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, ¶¶ A - P, sub-¶¶(1), as enacted by PL 1977, c. 67, §3, are repealed.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA §101, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §308, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§101. Board membership; chairman

There shall be a board of commissioners for each county consisting of the legislative delegation from that county. The chairman of the board of commissioners shall be the chairman of the legislative delegation of that county.

Sec. 6. 30 MRSA §102, as amended by PL 1975, c. 332, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 30 MRSA §103, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §309, is repealed.

Sec. 8. 30 MRSA §104, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §§310 and 311, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 30 MRSA §105 is repealed.

Sec. 10. 30 MRSA §§ 105-A, - 105-U, as amended, are repealed.

Sec. 11. 30 MRSA §106, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 121, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§106. Salaries

County commissioners shall receive no pay for service as county commissioners.

The county commissioners may, by majority vote, allow the payment of all necessary expenses and travel allowances to and from the county seat by commissioners who live more than 5 miles from the county seat. Otherwise, no county commissioner shall receive compensation for any expenses or travel to and from the county seat, except as provided in section 55.

Sec. 12. 30 MRSA §152, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§152. Quorum

A quorum shall be 2/3 of the number of Legislators in the county legislative delegation. When there is no quorum, the attending commissioners shall adjourn to a convenient time and place. When no commissioner attends, the clerk may adjourn as provided in Title 4, section 112.

Sec. 13. 30 MRSA §202, 3rd ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 736, §3, is amended to read:
He shall keep the county commissioners ~~and the legislative delegation of the county~~ the informed as to/financial condition of the county and shall collect all data necessary for the preparation of the budget.

Sec. 14. 30 MRSA §202, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 736, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 15. 30 MRSA §252, 4th ¶, 4th sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 148, §3, is amended to read:

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.

Sec. 16. 30 MRSA §252, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 716, §1, is repealed as follows:

~~Prior to the convening of the Legislature, the county commissioners of each county shall meet with the respective county legislative delegation to finalize estimates for the year.~~

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections 1 and 2 to be sections 17 and 18.

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 19. Effective date. Sections 1 through 16 shall take effect on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in January, 1980. All county commissioners holding office on December 31, 1979, shall continue in office until the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in January, 1980, at which date the terms of all of those county commissioners shall end and the legislative delegation from each county shall assume the office of county commissioner.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that beginning in January, 1980, the county commissioners of each county shall be the legislative delegation for that county, who will serve as county commissioners at no salary.

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