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STATE OF MAINE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1620, L.D. 1825, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Establish County Boards, to Allow Them to Set  
and Approve County Budgets and to Allocate Services."

Amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out all of  
the next to the last underlined sentence.

Further amend the Bill in section 4 by striking out  
everything after the amending clause and inserting in its  
place the following:

'§101. Board membership; chairman; title

1. Board membership. There shall be a board of  
commissioners, which shall be the governing and policy-making  
body of the county. The board shall consist of 7 members: Two  
members from each district and one at-large member. Each  
district member shall be a resident in and elected by the  
voters of a commissioner district, with 2 district members  
elected from each commissioner district in the county. The  
at-large member shall be a resident in the county and elected  
by the voters of the county.

2. Chairman. The at-large member shall serve as the  
chairman. The members of the board shall elect a vice-  
chairman, to act in the absence of the chairman. The  
election shall be held at the first board meeting on or after  
the first day of January annually, and the vice-chairman  
shall act for one year.

3. Title. Members of the board shall be known as county

commissioners, and all statutory references to county commissioners shall mean members of the board of <sup>county</sup> commissioners.'

Further amend the Bill in section 5 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'§102. Vacancies; appointed

When a vacancy occurs in the office of county commissioner by death, resignation, removal from the county or district or for any other reason, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy, who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the vacancy occurs in a district member's office, the board shall appoint a new member from the same district. Appointments shall only be by a majority vote of all members of the board.'

Further amend the Bill in section 6 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence of subsection 1 of that part designated "§105." and inserting in its place the following:

'The nomination papers and official ballots shall by apt words designate the term and commission office, either district member or at-large member, for which the person is to be nominated or elected.'

Further amend the Bill in section 6 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence of subsection 2 of that part designated "§105."

Further amend the Bill in section 22 by striking out all of the 4th underlined paragraph of that part designated "§106." which reads as follows:

'Municipal members: \$25 per board meeting or for each day spent in official county duties.'

Further amend the Bill in section 22 by striking out all of the 2nd underlined sentence of next to the last paragraph.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the last 2 lines of section 26 and inserting in their place the following:

'He ~~shall~~ may act as the clerk of the county if appointed as clerk by the county commissioners.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of sections 37 to 43.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the 3rd and 4th paragraphs of section 45 and inserting in their place the following:

'The at-large member of the board of <sup>county</sup> commissioners shall be elected in each county on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 1977. He shall be elected in accordance with this Act, and shall take office on January 1, 1978.

One member from each district of each county shall be elected in each county on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1977. He shall be elected in accordance with this Act, and shall take office on January 1, 1977.

He shall be elected to a term of one year, 2 years or 3 years so that his term expires at the same time as the term of the district member elected under the appropriate following transitional subsection from the same district of the same county.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the last paragraph before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'After completion of this transition in 1980, elections shall continue as provided under this Act in such a manner so that 2 district members of the board are elected each year to a 3-year term.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections 44 and 45 to be sections 37 and 38.

Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes from the bill all references to appointment of county treasurers and registers of deeds. This / amendment also provides that boards of/county commissioners shall consist of 2 members from each district and one at-large member.

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COUNTY, Cumberland