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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-241)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 346, L.D. 445, Bill, "AN
ACT to Extend Collective Bargaining Rights to Deputy Sheriffs."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first
line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and
figure 'Sec. 1.'

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

'Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §951, 2nd ¶, first sentence, is amended
to read:

Deputies shall be originally appointed for a probationary
period of not more than 6 months ~~and thereafter may be appointed~~
~~or reappointed for a term of 3 years.~~

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §951, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by
PL 1977, c. 650, §4, is further amended to read:

The sheriff may dismiss, suspend or otherwise discipline a
deputy ~~during the term of his appointment~~ only for cause;
except that the sheriff may lay off or dismiss deputies, with
the approval of the county commissioners or county personnel
board, to meet the requirements of budget reductions or governmental
reorganizations.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to further insulate
the deputy sheriff from dismissal for political reasons.