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H. P. 1032

House of Representatives, March 16, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Eliminate the Office of York County Treasurer.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 601, first sentence is amended to read:

A Except as provided in section 601-A, a treasurer shall be elected for each county by the legally qualified voters thereof.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 601-A is enacted to read:

§ 601-A. York County

1. York County. In York County, the county commissioners shall act as the treasurer for the county and may delegate the duties of the treasurer to one or more of their employees. No new position shall be created to carry out these responsibilities.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 603 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 603. Bond

The person or persons, if any, selected to carry out the duties of county treasurer shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of those duties in such sum as the commissioners order and with such sureties as they approve in writing thereon.

Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date. This Act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of its submission to the legal voters of York County. Such submission to be at the discretion of the York County Board of Commissioners but not later than 18 months after adjournment of the Legislature. The York County Board of Commissioners are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question:

“Shall the Office of Treasurer of York County be eliminated?”

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 10% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial election in the county. If at any such first election, the total number of votes cast for or against acceptance of this Act is less than 10% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the county in the next previous gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may call not more than one more such special election to be held within the time prescribed above.

The result of such elections shall be declared by the York County Board of Commissioners and due certificates thereof filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that the county commissioners of York County shall act as York County Treasurer.