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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to S.P. 43, L.D. 44, Bill,
"AN ACT to Abolish the Position of County Treasurer in
Penobscot County and Replace it with a Full Time Finance
Officer."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Permit the
Abolition of the Position of Elected County Treasurer and
Allow the Appointment of a Treasurer by the County Officers.'

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

30 MRSA §§606 and 607 are enacted to read:

§606. Creation of position of appointed county treasurer

1. Definition of county officers. For the purposes of
this section and section 607, "county officers" shall have the
meaning set forth in section 1502, subsection 1.

2. County officers' decision. Notwithstanding sections
601 and 602, the county officers may decide to abolish the
position of elected county treasurer and replace it with an
appointed county treasurer. This decision shall not be

effective until approved by the voters of the county under the procedures set forth in subsection 6.

3. Alternative method initiative. On the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the county at the last gubernatorial election, the county officers shall, by order, provide for the abolition of the position of elected county treasurer and its replacement with an appointed county treasurer in the form and manner provided in this section and section 607.

4. Petition procedure. The petition procedure set forth in section 1551, subsection 3, shall be used in the alternative method set out in subsection 3, except that the legend at the top of each petition form shall read as follows:

County of.....

"Each of the undersigned voters respectfully requests the county officers to abolish the position of elected county treasurer and replace it with a county treasurer appointed by the county officers."

5. Procedure after filing. The procedure after the petition is filed shall be the same as that set forth in section 1551, subsection 4.

6. Election procedure. Within 30 days after a decision under subsection 2 or the receipt of a certificate or final

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determination of sufficiency under subsection 5, the county officers shall by order submit the question of the abolition of the position of elected county treasurer and its replacement with an appointed county treasurer to the voters of the county at the next regular or special statewide election.

← The question to be submitted to the voters shall be
← in substance as follows:

← "Shall the position of elected county treasurer be
← abolished and replaced with a treasurer appointed by
← the county officers?"

Upon an affirmative vote by a majority of those voting on the
the←→ question, the position of elected county treasurer shall be abolished after the term of the current elected county treasurer expires and the county officers shall appoint a treasurer under section 607.

§607. Term, qualifications, compensation of appointed treasurer

Upon abolition of the position of elected county treasurer under section 606, the county officers shall appoint a treasurer to serve at their pleasure and, notwithstanding section 604, with such compensation as they set. The treasurer must be qualified in matters of business administration and finance. The appointed treasurer shall have all authority

granted to treasurers under this subchapter and be subject to all requirements of this subchapter.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a procedure under which all counties may have the opportunity to abolish the position of elected county treasurer and replace it with an appointed treasurer. The county officers may initially decide to make the change, or the voters in a county may petition for the change, but voter approval is required for the change to be effective. The county officers then have authority to set the term and salary of the appointed treasurer. Certain qualifications for the treasurer are prescribed.

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