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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " 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 the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Abolish the Position of Elected County Treasurer in Penobscot County and Replace it with an Appointed Treasurer.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current elected treasurer of Penobscot County desires to leave office as soon as possible; and

Whereas, an immediate change from an elected to an appointed treasurer in Penobscot County may save the county money; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §601-A is enacted to read:

§601-A. Penobscot County; treasurer

The county commissioners of Penobscot County shall appoint

a treasurer to serve at their pleasure and with such compensation as they set. The treasurer must be qualified in matters of business administration and finance. The Penobscot County treasurer shall have all the authority granted to treasurers under this subchapter and be subject to all requirements of this subchapter.'

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

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The bill replaces the elected treasurer of Penobscot County with an appointed treasurer.

The amendment makes this emergency legislation, changes the title and replaces the words "finance officer" with the word "treasurer" in section 3 of the bill to provide consistency. It also deletes the last sentence of section 3 of the bill, allowing flexibility in the determination of the amount of time the treasurer need devote to his duties.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Local and County Government.

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