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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " C " 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 Abolish  
the Position of Elected County Treasurer in Penobscot County  
and Replace it with an Appointed Treasurer.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out all  
of that part designated "§601-A." and inserting in its place  
the following:

'§601-A. Penobscot County; treasurer

The county commissioners of Penobscot County shall  
appoint a treasurer to serve at their pleasure and with the  
compensation 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:

'Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date. This Act shall  
be submitted to the legal voters of Penobscot County. The  
submission shall be at the discretion of the Penobscot County

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Board of Commissioners, at a \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  
election following the / <sup>effective date</sup> of this Act. Penobscot County  
commissioners are authorized to expend funds that are  
necessary to implement the referendum.

The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of  
the required ballots on which they state the subject matter  
of the Act in the following question:

"Shall the position of elected county treasurer in  
Penobscot County be abolished and replaced with a treasurer  
appointed by the county commissioners?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed  
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion on this question

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof  
immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal  
voters voting at the election, provided that the total  
number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this  
Act equals or exceeds 30% of the total votes for all candidates  
for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election in that  
county. If, at any first election, the total number of votes  
cast for or against acceptance of this Act is less than 30%  
of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in  
that county in the last gubernatorial election, the county  
commissioners may call a 2nd election to be held within the  
time prescribed herein.

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The result of the election shall be declared by the Penobscot County Commissioners and due certificates filed with the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment 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. Section 4 is added to permit the voters of Penobscot County to decide whether they want the change from an elected to an appointed treasurer.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.  
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