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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-74)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P.
145, L.D. 316, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Collective Bargaining
Rights to County Employees."

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the
following:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §962, sub-§2, as last amended by
PL 1973, c. 458, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Bargaining agent. "Bargaining agent" means any
lawful organization, association or individual representative
of such organization or association which has as its
primary purpose the representation of employees in their
employment relations with employers, and, except with
regard to employees of counties or their subdivisions, which
has been determined by the public employer or by the executive
director of the board to be the choice of the majority of
the unit as their representative.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning
of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined
abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

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

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'Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §967, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Employees of counties and subdivisions. Nothing in this section may be applied to any county or any subdivision thereof.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §975 is enacted to read:

§975. Policy of State concerning county employees

It is the public policy of this State that any contract or agreement entered into between a county or any subdivision thereof and any labor organization, under the terms of which contract or agreement the labor organization is empowered, or purports to be empowered, to represent any public employee of the county or subdivision who is not a voluntary member of the labor organization, is unlawful and is declared to be null and void.

Sec. 5. Application. This Act does not affect the validity of any lawful contract or agreement in existence on the date this Act becomes effective, but does apply to any extension or renewal of such contract or agreement.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment would allow county employees to be represented by unions on a voluntary basis. Under this bill, each county worker would be free to choose whether or not to be represented by one or any union. Also, this bill eliminates any suggested burden upon such a union to represent and bargain for nonmembers.

(Sen. Sutton)

Name: 

~~SEN~~/County: Oxford

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