

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-392)  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 881, L.D. 1050, Bill, "AN ACT to Abolish the Position of Elected County Treasurer in Aroostook County and Replace it with an Appointed Treasurer."

Amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out the first 2 lines and inserting in their place the following:

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

§601-B. Aroostook County; treasurer'

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

'The 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 before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of Aroostook County. The submission shall be at the discretion of the Penobscot County Board of Commissioners at a statewide election following the effective date of this Act. Aroostook 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 Arcostook County be abolished and replaced with a treasurer appointed by the county commissioners?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or a 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 as described in this <sup>SECTION</sup> paragraph.

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

#### Statement of Fact

The primary change made by this amendment is the addition of section 4 to permit the voters of Aroostook 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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