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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-419)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1094, L.D. 1291, Bill,
"AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency of County Government."

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

'Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §252, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1975,
further
c. 716, §1, is/amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences
to read:

The county commissioners shall also show the county legislative
delegation any assessment for services to be provided to
unorganized territories under Title 36, section 1603,
subsection 1, paragraph C. These assessments shall be provided
to the delegation, prior to being submitted to the State Tax
Assessor, in a form that shows how the funds are to be spent
on the unorganized territories and any current balance of
unorganized territory funds held by the county.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §403-A is enacted to read:

§403-A. Unorganized territory accounts and interest

Any funds required to be spent for the unorganized
territories held by a county shall be accounted for separately
from the funds raised for countywide activities. This separate
accounting shall not prohibit the commingling of unorganized
territory and countywide funds. The return on investment of
county funds shall be prorated between the amounts invested of
unorganized territory funds and the amounts invested of county-
wide funds. The return on investment of unorganized territory
funds shall only be used for the unorganized territories. No

countywide funds, nor return on investment of countywide funds, may be used for the unorganized territories.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require counties with unorganized territories to account for the funds they hold for the territories. Section 1 requires the county commissioners to inform the county legislative delegation of the amount and purpose of funds budgeted for the unorganized territories. Section 2 permits counties to commingle unorganized territory and countywide funds so that the best possible return on investment of county funds can be acquired. The counties must separately account for the unorganized territory money for the benefit of these territories. ~~←~~ No countywide funds are to be used for the unorganized territories.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.
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