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L.D. 1710  
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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "L" to S.P. 592, L.D. 1710,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Establish County Budget Committees."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §253-A, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 229, §2, is amended to read:

§253-A. Specific line categories

The Legislature county budget committee shall have the power to change or alter specific line categories within the county estimates.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§1401." in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 6, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "to" and inserting in its place the underlined word 'of'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§1403." in subsection 1, in the 2nd line (page 6, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "members" and inserting in its place the following: 'municipal officers'

Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part designated "§1403." in subsection 1, first paragraph, in the last line (page 7, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "matters" the following: ', except as provided in section 1405, subsection 5'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
2 designated "§1403." in subsection 1, 2nd paragraph,  
3 2nd line (page 7, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the  
4 underlined word "members" and inserting in its place  
5 the following: 'municipal officers'

6 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
7 designated "§1403." in subsection 1, paragraph A, in  
8 the 9th line (page 7, line 14 in L.D.) by striking  
9 out the underlined words "majority vote" and insert-  
10 ing in their place the following: 'vote of 10%'

11 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
12 designated "§1403." in subsection 1, paragraph B by  
13 striking out all of the 6th sentence (page 7, lines  
14 32 to 34 in L.D.)

15 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
16 designated "§1403." in subsection 1, paragraph C, by  
17 striking out all of the 2nd sentence from the end  
18 (page 8, lines 22 to 27 in L.D.)

19 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
20 designated "§1403." by inserting after subsection 1  
21 the following:

22 '2. Responsibilities. It is the responsibility  
23 of the county budget committee to review the budget  
24 estimates prepared by the county commissioners and to  
25 approve a final county budget.'

26 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
27 designated "§1403." in subsection 2, in the 3rd line  
28 (page 8, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the under-  
29 lined words "municipality or" and inserting in their  
30 place the following: 'municipality.'

31 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
32 designated "§1403." in subsection 2, in the last line  
33 (page 8, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the  
34 underlined word "district" the following: 'or a  
35 county commissioner'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
2 designated "§1403." in subsection 3, in the 6th line  
3 (page 8, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the under-  
4 lined word "or" and inserting in its place ' , '

5 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
6 designated "§1403." in subsection 3, in the last line  
7 (page 8, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the  
8 underlined word "office" the following: 'or a county  
9 commissioner'

10 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
11 designated "§1403." by renumbering subsections 2 to 4  
12 to be subsections 3 to 5

13 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
14 designated "§1405." in subsection 4, in the 6th line  
15 (page 10, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the under-  
16 lined words "finally adopted" and inserting in their  
17 place the following: 'approved'

18 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
19 designated "§1405." in subsection 4, in the first  
20 paragraph, by striking out all of the last 2 under-  
21 lined sentences (page 10, lines 22 to 26 in L.D.)

22 Further amend the bill in section 7, in that part  
23 designated "§1405." by inserting after subsection 4,  
24 first paragraph, the following:

25 '5. Approval of county commissioners. After  
26 approval, the budget committee shall submit the bud-  
27 get to the county commissioners who, by a majority  
28 vote, shall accept or reject the budget. If the  
29 county commissioners vote to accept the budget, it  
30 shall be deemed finally adopted. If the county com-  
31 missioners vote to reject the budget, the budget com-  
32 mittee shall vote on the final adoption of the bud-  
33 get.

34 A. If 2/3 or more of the budget committee mem-

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1 bers present and voting vote to adopt the budget,  
2 it shall be deemed finally adopted.

3 B. If less than 2/3 of the budget committee mem-  
4 bers present and voting vote to adopt the budget,  
5 the county commissioners shall submit new budget  
6 proposals in accordance with subsection 1 and the  
7 provisions of this section shall be followed  
8 until a budget is finally adopted.

9 6. Adopted budget. The adopted budget shall be  
10 the final authorization for the assessment of county  
11 taxes. The budget shall be transmitted to the county  
12 commissioners and the county tax authorized shall be  
13 apportioned and collected in accordance with section  
14 254.'

15 Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sec-  
16 tions to read consecutively.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This amendment includes county commissioners with  
19 veto power which can be overridden by 2/3 vote of  
20 budget committee present and voting and removes the  
21 requirement that the votes of each municipality be  
22 weighted.

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