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L.D. 1727

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1303, L.D. 1727,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Appointment of Registers of  
Deeds and to Involve the County Budget Committee in  
Certain Proposed Appointments."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title  
and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Permit Appointment of Registers of  
Deeds and to Provide that Salaries of Appointed  
County Treasurers be Set as Part of the County Budget  
Process.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of  
sections 1 and 2.

Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part  
designated "§602-A." by striking out all of subsec-  
tion 2 (page 3, lines 18 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting  
in its place the following:

'2. County officers' decision. Notwithstanding  
sections 601 and 602, the county officers may decide  
to abolish the position of elected register of deeds  
and replace it with an appointed register of deeds.  
This decision shall not be effective until approved  
by the voters of the county under the procedures set  
forth in subsection 6.'

Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part  
designated "§602-A." by striking out all of subsec-  
tion 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Election procedure. Within 30 days after a  
decision under subsection 2 or the receipt of a cer-  
tificate or final determination of sufficiency under  
subsection 5, the county officers shall by order

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1 submit the question of the abolition of the position  
2 of elected register of deeds and its replacement with  
3 an appointed register of deeds to the voters of the  
4 county at the next regular or special statewide elec-  
5 tion. The question to be submitted to the voters  
6 shall be in substance as follows:

7 "Shall the position of elected register of deeds be  
8 abolished and replaced with a register of deeds  
9 appointed by the county officers?"

10 Upon an affirmative vote by a majority of those  
11 voting on this question, the position of elected  
12 register of deeds shall be abolished after the term  
13 of the current elected register of deeds expires and  
14 the county officers shall appoint a register of deeds  
15 under section 602-B.'

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

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this amendment is to remove the  
20 county budget committee from involvement in appoint-  
21 ments of county treasurers and registers of deeds.

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