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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1961

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7 S.P. 715

In Senate, January 19, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
9 Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government is
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Kelleher of Bangor, Representative Hall of
Sangerville and Representative Locke of Sebec.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Concerning Terms of Office of
18 Certain County Commissioners Whose
19 Districts are Affected by Reapportionment.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 30 MRSA §105-V, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
24 518, is amended to read:

25 3. Effect of reapportionment on county commis-
26 sioners' terms of office. Notwithstanding any other
27 provision of law, whenever a county commissioner dis-
28 trict has been reapportioned, the term of the county
29 commissioner from that district shall expire at the
30 next election immediately following the reapportion-
31 ment of the county commissioner district. The term
32 of office that the county commissioner representing
33 the new county commissioner district shall be elected
34 to at that election shall be determined by this sub-
35 section. The term of office for a county commis-

1 er in a new district consisting of substantially the
2 same area as the previous district shall be 4 years
3 if the county commissioner in the previous district
4 had served for only 2 years. The term of office for
5 a county commissioner in a new district consisting of
6 substantially the same area as the previous district
7 shall be 2 years if the county commissioner in the
8 previous district had served for 4 years. The appor-
9 tionment commission in reapportioning a county com-
10 missioner district shall specify the term of office,
11 as prescribed by this subsection, that the county
12 commissioner representing that commissioner district
13 shall be elected to. In subsequent elections, each
14 county commissioner shall be elected to a 4-year term
15 until the district is reapportioned under the provi-
16 sions of this section. If any county ~~commissioner~~
17 commissioner district is not reapportioned, the term
18 of office for that county commissioner district shall
19 not expire under this subsection. That county com-
20 missioner's term of office shall be for the normal
21 4-year term until such time as the county commission-
22 er district is reapportioned. If a county commis-
23 sioner has been elected on a county-wide vote, the
24 term of that county commissioner shall not expire un-
25 der this section, even if the district which the com-
26 missioner represents has been reapportioned. That
27 county commissioner's term of office shall be for the
28 normal 4-year term.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purpose of this bill is to provide that the
31 term of office of a county commissioner elected on a
32 county-wide basis will not expire at the next elec-
33 tion even if the district he represents has been re-
34 apportioned. This term of office will run for the
35 normal 4-year term.

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