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12 Original bill presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot. Cosponsored by  
Representative Kelleher of Bangor, Representative Hall of Sangerville and  
Representative Locke of Sebec.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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19 AN ACT Concerning Terms of Office of  
20 Certain County Commissioners whose Districts  
21 are Affected by Reapportionment.  
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23 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, primary elections for certain county  
27 commissioners will be held before 90 days after the  
28 adjournment of the Legislature; and

29 Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as  
30 emergency legislation, it may be necessary to hold  
31 special elections to clarify the terms of office of  
32 certain county commissioners; and

33 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
34 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

1 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
2 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
3 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
4 therefore,

5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §105-V, sub-§3, as enacted by PL  
8 1983, c. 518, is repealed.

9 Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §105-W, as enacted by PL 1983,  
10 c. 607, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in  
11 its place:

12 §105-W. County commissioner districts

13 1. Creation of Androscoggin County Commissioner  
14 Districts. Androscoggin County shall be divided into  
15 the following 3 districts.

16 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County  
17 of Androscoggin, consists of the municipalities  
18 of Greene, Leeds, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore  
19 Falls, Sabattus, Turner, Wales and that portion  
20 of the City of Lewiston described as follows:  
21 Beginning on College Road at the Greene town  
22 line; thence in a general southeasterly direction  
23 along the Greene town line to Old Greene Road;  
24 thence in a general southwesterly direction along  
25 Old Greene Road to North Temple Street; thence in  
26 a general southwesterly direction along North  
27 Temple Street to Sabattus Street; thence in a  
28 general westerly direction along Sabattus Street  
29 to Nichols Street; thence in a general northeast-  
30 erly direction along Nichols Street to Holland  
31 Street; thence in a general northwesterly direc-  
32 tion along Holland Street to College Street;  
33 thence in a general northeasterly direction along  
34 College Street to the point of beginning. The  
35 term of office of the county commissioner from  
36 this district shall expire in 1984 and every 4  
37 years thereafter.

38 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County  
39 of Androscoggin, consists of the municipalities

1 of Auburn, Durham, Mechanic Falls, Minot and  
2 Poland. The term of office of the county commis-  
3 sioner from this district shall expire in 1984  
4 and every 4 years thereafter.

5 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County  
6 of Androscoggin, consists of all of the City of  
7 Lewiston, excepting that portion as described in  
8 County Commissioner District Number 1. The term  
9 of office of the county commissioner from this  
10 district shall expire in 1986 and every 4 years  
11 thereafter.

12 2. Creation of Aroostook County Commissioner  
13 Districts. Aroostook County shall be divided in-  
14 to the following 3 districts.

15 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
16 the municipalities of Amity, Ashland, Bancroft,  
17 Benedicta, Blaine, Bridgewater, Cary Plantation,  
18 Crystal, Dyer Brook, E Plantation, Easton, Fort  
19 Fairfield, Garfield Plantation, Glenwood  
20 Plantation, Hammond, Haynesville, Hersey,  
21 Hodgdon, Houlton, Island Falls, Linneus,  
22 Littleton, Ludlow, Macwahoc Plantation, Mars  
23 Hill, Masardis, Merrill, Monticello, Moro  
24 Plantation, Nashville Plantation, New Limerick,  
25 Oakfield, Orient, Oxbow Plantation, Reed  
26 Plantation, Sherman, Smyrna, Westfield, Weston,  
27 and the unorganized territories of central  
28 Aroostook and south Aroostook. The term of of-  
29 fice of the county commissioner from this dis-  
30 trict shall expire in 1986 and every 4 years  
31 thereafter.

32 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
33 the municipalities of Allagash, Caribou, Castle  
34 Hill, Chapman, Eagle Lake, Mapleton, Perham, Por-  
35 tage Lake, Presque Isle, St. Francis, St. John  
36 Plantation, Wade, Washburn, Westmanland,  
37 Winterville Plantation and the unorganized terri-  
38 tories of northwest Aroostook and Square Lake.  
39 The term of office of the commissioner from this  
40 district shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
41 thereafter.

1 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
2 the municipalities of Caswell Plantation, Cyr  
3 Plantation, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Grand Isle,  
4 Hamlin, Limestone, Madawaska, New Canada, New  
5 Sweden, Saint Agatha, Stockholm, Van Buren,  
6 Wallagrass Plantation, Woodland and the unorga-  
7 nized territory of Connor. The term of office of  
8 the commissioner from this district shall expire  
9 in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

10 3. Creation of Cumberland County Commissioner  
11 Districts. Cumberland County shall be divided into  
12 the following 3 districts.

13 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
14 the municipalities of Falmouth and Portland. The  
15 term of office of the commissioner from this dis-  
16 trict shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
17 thereafter.

18 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
19 the municipalities of Baldwin, Cape Elizabeth,  
20 Gorham, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish and  
21 Westbrook. The term of office of the commission-  
22 er from this district shall expire in 1984 and  
23 every 4 years thereafter.

24 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
25 the municipalities of Bridgton, Brunswick, Casco,  
26 Cumberland, Freeport, Gray, Harpswell, Harrison,  
27 Naples, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Pownal,  
28 Raymond, Sebago, Windham and Yarmouth. The term  
29 of office of the commissioner from this district  
30 shall expire in 1986 and every 4 years thereaf-  
31 ter.

32 4. Creation of Franklin County Commissioner Dis-  
33 tricts. Franklin County shall be divided into the  
34 following 3 districts.

35 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
36 the municipalities of Jay and Wilton. The term  
37 of office of the commissioner from this district  
38 shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereaf-  
39 ter.

1           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
2           the municipalities of Chesterville, Farmington,  
3           Industry and New Sharon. The term of office of  
4           the commissioner from this district shall expire  
5           in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

6           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
7           the municipalities of Avon, Carrabassett Valley,  
8           Carthage, Coplin Plantation, Dallas Plantation,  
9           Eustis, Kingfield, Madrid, New Vineyard,  
10          Phillips, Rangeley Plantation, Rangeley, Sandy  
11          River Plantation, Strong, Temple, Weld and the  
12          unorganized territories of East Franklin, North  
13          Franklin, South Franklin, West Central Franklin  
14          and Wyman. The term of office of the commissioner  
15          from this district shall expire in 1986 and  
16          every 4 years thereafter.

17           5. Creation of Hancock County Commissioner Dis-  
18           tricts. Hancock County shall be divided into the  
19           following 3 districts.

20           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
21           the municipalities of Amherst, Aurora, Blue Hill,  
22           Dedham, Eastbrook, Ellsworth, Gouldsboro, Great  
23           Pond, Mariaville, Osborn, Otis, Sorrento,  
24           Sullivan, Surry, Waltham, Winter Harbor and the  
25           unorganized territories of Central Hancock, East  
26           Hancock and North Hancock. The term of office of  
27           the commissioner from this district shall expire  
28           in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

29           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
30           the municipalities of Brooklin, Brooksville,  
31           Bucksport, Castine, Deer Isle, Orland, Penobscot,  
32           Sedgwick, Stonington and Verona. The term of of-  
33           ice of the commissioner from this district shall  
34           expire in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

35           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
36           the municipalities of Bar Harbor, Cranberry  
37           Isles, Franklin, Frenchboro, Hancock, Lamoine,  
38           Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island,  
39           Tremont and Trenton. The term of office of the  
40           commissioner from this district shall expire in  
41           1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

1           6. Creation of Kennebec County Commissioner Dis-  
2 tricts. Kennebec County shall be divided into the  
3 following 3 districts.

4           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
5 the municipalities of Augusta, Chelsea, China,  
6 Randolph, Sidney, Vassalboro and Windsor. The  
7 term of office of the commissioner from this dis-  
8 trict shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
9 thereafter.

10           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
11 the municipalities of Belgrade, Farmingdale, Fay-  
12 ette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Litchfield,  
13 Manchester, Monmouth, Mount Vernon, Pittston,  
14 Readfield, Rome, Vienna, Wayne, West Gardiner and  
15 Winthrop. The term of office of the commissioner  
16 from this district shall expire in 1986 and every  
17 4 years thereafter.

18           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
19 the municipalities of Albion, Benton, Clinton,  
20 Oakland, Waterville, Winslow, and Unity Township.  
21 The term of office of the commissioner from this  
22 district shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
23 thereafter.

24           7. Creation of Knox County Commissioner Dis-  
25 tricts. Knox County shall be divided into the fol-  
26 lowing 3 districts.

27           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
28 the municipalities of Owls Head, Rockland and  
29 South Thomaston. The term of office of the com-  
30 missioner from this district shall expire in 1986  
31 and every 4 years thereafter.

32           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
33 the municipalites of Cushing, Friendship, Isle au  
34 Haut, Matinicus Isle Plantation, North Haven, St.  
35 George, Thomaston, Vinalhaven, Warren and the un-  
36 organized territory of Criehaven. The term of  
37 office of the commissioner from this district  
38 shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereaf-  
39 ter.

1           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
2           the municipalities of Appleton, Camden, Hope,  
3           Rockport, Union and Washington. The term of of-  
4           ice of the commissioner from this district shall  
5           expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

6           8. Creation of Lincoln County Commissioner Dis-  
7           tricts. Lincoln County shall be divided into the  
8           following 3 districts.

9           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
10          the municipalities of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor,  
11          Southport, Westport and Wiscasset. The term of  
12          office of the commissioner from this district  
13          shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereaf-  
14          ter.

15          B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
16          the municipalities of Bremen, Bristol, Monhegan  
17          Plantation, Nobleboro, South Bristol and  
18          Waldoboro. The term of office of the commission-  
19          er from this district shall expire in 1984, in  
20          1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

21          C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
22          the municipalities of Alna, Damariscotta,  
23          Dresden, Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle,  
24          Somerville, Whitefield and the unorganized terri-  
25          tory of Hibberts Gore. The term of office of the  
26          commissioner from this district shall expire in  
27          1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

28          9. Creation of Oxford County Commissioner Dis-  
29          tricts. Oxford County shall be divided into the fol-  
30          lowing 3 districts.

31          A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
32          the municipalities of Andover, Bethel,  
33          Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Gilead, Hanover,  
34          Hiram, Lovell, Newry, Norway, Porter, Stoneham,  
35          Stow, Sweden, Waterford and the unorganized ter-  
36          ritories of North Oxford and those portions of  
37          South Oxford known as Batchelders Grant and Ma-  
38          son. The term of office of the commissioner from  
39          this district shall expire in 1984 and every 4  
40          years thereafter.



1 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
2 the municipalities of Byron, Dixfield, Lincoln  
3 Plantation, Magalloway Plantation, Mexico, Peru,  
4 Roxbury, Rumford and Upton. The term of office  
5 of the commissioner from this district shall ex-  
6 pire in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

7 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
8 the municipalities of Buckfield, Canton,  
9 Greenwood, Hartford, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford,  
10 Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock and the un-  
11 organized territories of Milton and that portion  
12 of South Oxford known as Albany. The term of of-  
13 fice of the commissioner from this district shall  
14 expire in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

15 10. Creation of Penobscot County Commissioner  
16 Districts. Penobscot County shall be divided into  
17 the following 3 districts.

18 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
19 the municipalities of Bangor, Brewer and Hampden.  
20 The term of office of the commissioner from this  
21 district shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
22 thereafter.

23 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
24 the municipalities of Carmel, Clifton, Corinna,  
25 Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Eddington, Etna,  
26 Exeter, Garland, Glenburn, Hermon, Holden,  
27 Kenduskeag, Levant, Newburgh, Newport, Orono,  
28 Orrington, Plymouth, Stetson and Veazie. The  
29 term of office of the commissioner from this dis-  
30 trict shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
31 thereafter.

32 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
33 the municipalities of Alton, Bradford, Bradley,  
34 Burlington, Carroll Plantation, Charleston, Ches-  
35 ter, Drew Plantation, East Millinocket, Edinburg,  
36 Enfield, Greenbush, Greenfield, Howland, Hudson,  
37 Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Lincoln, Lowell,  
38 Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Milford,  
39 Millinocket, Mount Chase, Old Town, Passadumkeag,  
40 Patten, Prentiss Plantation, Seboeis Plantation,  
41 Springfield, Stacyville, Webster Plantation,  
42 Winn, Woodville, Penobscot Indian Island Reserva-

1 tion and the unorganized territories of Argyle,  
2 Grand Falls, Kingman, North Penobscot, Summit,  
3 Twombly and Whitney. The term of office of the  
4 commissioner from this district shall expire in  
5 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

6 11. Creation of Piscataquis County Commissioner  
7 Districts. Piscataquis County shall be divided into  
8 the following 3 districts.

9 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
10 the municipalities of Abbot, Beaver Cove,  
11 Blanchard Plantation, Greenville, Guilford,  
12 Kingsbury Plantation, Monson, Shirley,  
13 Wellington, Willimantic and the unorganized ter-  
14 ritory of Elliottsville. The term of office of  
15 the commissioner from this district shall expire  
16 in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

17 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
18 the municipalities of Dover-Foxcroft, Parkman and  
19 Sangerville. The term of office of the commis-  
20 sioner from this district shall expire in 1984  
21 and every 4 years thereafter.

22 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
23 the municipalities of Atkinson, Bowerbank,  
24 Brownville, Lake View Plantation, Medford, Milo,  
25 Sebec and the unorganized territories of Barnard,  
26 Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis and  
27 Southeast Piscataquis. The term of office of the  
28 commissioner from this district shall expire in  
29 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

30 12. Creation of Sagadahoc County Commissioner  
31 Districts. Sagadahoc County shall be divided into  
32 the following 3 districts.

33 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
34 the municipalities of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and  
35 Topsham. The term of office of the commissioner  
36 from this district shall expire in 1984 and every  
37 4 years thereafter.

38 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
39 the municipalities of Arrowsic, Georgetown,  
40 Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath, Woolwich, the

1 unorganized territory of Perkins, and that por-  
2 tion of the City of Bath south and east of a line  
3 described as follows: Beginning at the Carleton  
4 Bridge a line west to King Street at Water  
5 Street, thence west on King Street to Washington  
6 Street, thence south on Washington Street to Bath  
7 Street, thence west on Bath Street to High  
8 Street, thence south on High Street to Pine  
9 Street, thence east on Pine Street to Washington  
10 Street, thence south on Washington Street to an  
11 inlet of the Kennebec River (which is just north  
12 of Hunt Street). The term of office of the com-  
13 missioner from this district shall expire in 1984  
14 and every 4 years thereafter.

15 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
16 that portion of the City of Bath north and west  
17 of a line described as follows: Beginning at the  
18 Carleton Bridge a line west to King Street at Wa-  
19 ter Street, thence west on King Street to Wash-  
20 ington Street, thence south on Washington Street  
21 to Bath Street, thence west on Bath Street to  
22 High Street, thence south on High Street to Pine  
23 Street, thence east on Pine Street to Washington  
24 Street and thence south on Washington Street to  
25 an inlet of the Kennebec River (which is just  
26 north of Hunt Street). The term of office of the  
27 commissioner from this district shall expire in  
28 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

29 13. Creation of Somerset County Commissioner  
30 Districts. Somerset County shall be divided into the  
31 following 3 districts.

32 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
33 the municipalities of Anson, Athens, Bingham,  
34 Brighton Plantation, Cambridge, Caratunk,  
35 Dennistown Plantation, Embden, Harmony, Hartland,  
36 Highland Plantation, Jackman, Moose River,  
37 Moscow, New Portland, Palmyra, Pleasant Ridge  
38 Plantation, Ripley, St. Albans, Starks, The Forks  
39 Plantation, West Forks Plantation and the unorga-  
40 nized territories of Central Somerset, Northeast  
41 Somerset, Northwest Somerset and Seboomook Lake.  
42 The term of office of the commissioner from this  
43 district shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
44 thereafter.

1           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
2           the municipalities of Fairfield, Madison, Mercer,  
3           Norridgewock, Smithfield and Solon. The term of  
4           office of the commissioner from this district  
5           shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereaf-  
6           ter.

7           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
8           the municipalities of Canaan, Cornville, Detroit,  
9           Pittsfield and Skowhegan. The term of office of  
10           the commissioner from this district shall expire  
11           in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter.

12           14. Creation of Waldo County Commissioner Dis-  
13           tricts. Waldo County shall be divided into the fol-  
14           lowing 3 districts.

15           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
16           the municipalities of Belfast, Belmont,  
17           Islesboro, Lincolnville and Northport. The term  
18           of office of the commissioner from this district  
19           shall expire in 1986 and every 4 years thereaf-  
20           ter.

21           B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
22           the municipalities of Frankfort, Jackson, Monroe,  
23           Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Swanville  
24           and Winterport. The term of office of the com-  
25           missioner from this district shall expire in 1984  
26           and every 4 years thereafter.

27           C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
28           the municipalities of Brooks, Burnham, Freedom,  
29           Knox, Liberty, Montville, Morrill, Palermo,  
30           Searsmont, Thorndike, Troy, Unity and Waldo. The  
31           term of office of the commissioner from this dis-  
32           trict shall expire in 1984 and every 4 years  
33           thereafter.

34           15. Creation of York County Commissioner Dis-  
35           tricts. York County shall be divided into the fol-  
36           lowing 3 districts.

37           A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of  
38           the municipalities of Acton, Berwick, Buxton,  
39           Cornish, Eliot, Hollis, Kittery, Lebanon,  
40           Limerick, Limington, Newfield, North Berwick,

1 Parsonsfield and South Berwick. The term of of-  
2 office of the commissioner from this district shall  
3 expire in 1984 and every 4 years thereafter.

4 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of  
5 the municipalities of Arundel, Biddeford,  
6 Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Ogunquit, Wells and  
7 York. The term of office of the commissioner  
8 from this district shall expire in 1986 and every  
9 4 years thereafter.

10 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of  
11 the municipalities of Alfred, Dayton, Lyman, Old  
12 Orchard Beach, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh and  
13 Waterboro. The term of office of the commis-  
14 sioner from this district shall expire in 1984  
15 and every 4 years thereafter.

16 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
17 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
18 proved.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This new draft repeals the current law which  
21 deals with the effects of reapportionment on county  
22 commissioners' terms of offices and enacts new ones.

23 The terms of office for county commissioners will  
24 be 4 years following the expiration of the current  
25 term.

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