

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 142

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7 H.P. 117

House of Representatives, January 22, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government suggested  
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cooper of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representative Manning of Portland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Change the Dates for Submission of  
18 Estimates of County Expenses.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §252, first ¶, as repealed and  
23 replaced by PL 1977, c. 148, §1, is amended to read:

24 In order to assess a county tax, county commis-  
25 sioners, prior to ~~November 7th~~ January 20th in each  
26 year, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary  
27 to defray the expenses which have accrued or may  
28 ~~probably~~ accrue for the coming year, including the  
29 building and repairing of jails, courthouses and ap-  
30 purtenances, with the debts owed by their counties.

31 Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §252, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL  
32 1977, c. 148, §3, is further amended to read:

33 Copies of such forms shall be transmitted to the  
34 county commissioners of each county by the office of

1 the Secretary of State no later than ~~September 19th~~  
2 November 15th of each year.

3 Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §252, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL  
4 1977, c. 148, §3, is amended to read:

5 The county commissioners shall hold a public  
6 hearing in the county on these estimates prior to  
7 ~~December~~ February 1st. Written notice and a summary  
8 of the county estimates shall be sent to the municipi-  
9 pal officers. Notice of the hearing shall be given at  
10 least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of  
11 general circulation within the county. Written notice  
12 and a copy of the estimates shall be sent by regis-  
13 tered or certified mail with return receipt re-  
14 quested, or delivered by hand in person, with proof  
15 received of the delivery, to the clerk of each munic-  
16 ipality in the county and to each member of the Leg-  
17 islature from the county at least 10 days prior to  
18 the hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the mu-  
19 nicipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.

20 Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §253, first ¶, as repealed and  
21 replaced by PL 1979, c. 351, §1, is amended to read:

22 These estimates shall be recorded by their clerk  
23 in a book. A copy thereof shall be signed by the  
24 chairman of the county commissioners and attested by  
25 their clerk, who shall transmit it to the office of  
26 the Secretary of State ~~on or before the first day of~~  
27 each January prior to February 15th, together with  
28 the county reports for the 2 preceding years, to be  
29 by him laid before the Legislature.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This bill changes the dates for preparing annual  
32 county estimates from November 7th to January 20th  
33 and revises public hearing and transmittal dates to  
34 February 1st and February 15th respectively.

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