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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. 228
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7 H.P. 194

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Vose of Eastport, Senator Brown of
Washington and Representative Randall of East Machias.

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 Provide County Commissioner
18 Districts in Washington County.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §105-W, sub-§16 is enacted to
23 read:

24 16. Creation of Washington County Commissioner
25 Districts. Washington County shall be divided into
26 the following 3 districts:

27 A. Commissioner District Number 1, consisting of
28 the municipalities and unorganized territories of
29 Calais, Danforth, Topsfield, Indian Township Vot-
30 ing District, unorganized territories of T8 R4,
31 Forest City T9 R4, Forest T10 R3, T8 R3, Brookton
32 Township, T11 R3, Lambert Lake T1 R3, Kossuth T7
33 R2, T6 R1, Dyer T1 R2, Fowler T1 R1, T5 ND, T6
34 ND, T42 MD, T43 MD, T27 ED, T36 MD, T37 MD and
35 T26 ED, Vanceboro, Codyville Plantation, Waite,

1 Talmadge, Grand Lake Stream Plantation,
2 Plantation Number 21, Princeton, Baileyville,
3 Alexander, Crawford, Meddybemps and Baring
4 Plantation;

5 B. Commissioner District Number 2, consisting of
6 the municipalities and unorganized territories of
7 East Machias, Machiasport, Northfield,
8 Robbinston, Perry, Charlotte, Wesley, Cooper,
9 Plantation Number 14, Dennysville, Whiting,
10 Cutler, unorganized territories of T30 MD, T31
11 MD, T25 MD, T19 ED, T18 ED and Marion, Edmunds
12 and Trescott, Lubec, Pembroke, Pleasant Point
13 Voting District and Eastport; and

14 C. Commissioner District Number 3, consisting of
15 the municipalities and unorganized territories of
16 Deblois, Cherryfield, Steuben, Milbridge,
17 Harrington, Addison, Jonesport, Beals,
18 Beddington, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Center-
19 ville, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville,
20 Marshfield and Machias and unorganized territo-
21 ries of Deveraux T29 MD, T24 MD, T18 MD and T19
22 MD.

23 Members of the board of commissioners shall be resi-
24 dents of the commissioner district from which they
25 were elected and shall be elected by the qualified
26 voters of that district.

27 **Sec. 2. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of**
28 **State.** The Washington County Commissioners shall
29 submit this bill to the legal voters of Washington
30 County by ballot at the next general election in the
31 month of November or at a special election on the
32 Tuesday following the first Monday of November fol-
33 lowing the passage of this bill, whichever comes
34 first.

35 The Washington County Board of Commissioners are
36 authorized to expend such funds as are necessary to
37 implement the referendum.

38 The county clerk shall prepare the required bal-
39 lots on which he shall state the subject matter of
40 this bill in the following question:

1 "Shall Washington County be divided into 3 county
2 commissioner districts each to elect 1 county commis-
3 sioner who must be a resident of that district?"

4 The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check
5 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their
6 opinion of the same.

7 Sections 1 and 3 of this bill shall take effect
8 for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its ac-
9 ceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at
10 that election; provided that the total number of
11 votes cast for and against the acceptance of this
12 bill equals or exceeds 10% of the total votes for all
13 candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gu-
14 bernatorial election in that county.

15 The results of the election shall be declared by
16 the Washington County Board of Commissioners and due
17 certificates thereof filed by the county clerk with
18 the Secretary of State.

19 **Sec. 3. Transition.** The transition of the Wash-
20 ington County District System shall be made in the
21 following manner. In 1986, a commissioner resident
22 of Commissioner District Number 1 shall be elected by
23 the qualified electors of that district. In 1986, a
24 commissioner resident of Commissioner District Number
25 2 shall be elected by the qualified electors of that
26 district. In 1988, a commissioner resident of Com-
27 missioner District Number 3 shall be elected by the
28 qualified electors of that district. Thereafter,
29 elections shall continue in a manner so that each
30 district shall at all times have a commissioner
31 elected from that district on the board.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 Public Law 1979, chapter 308 enacted the bill to
34 provide County Commission Districts in Washington
35 County. This bill was not passed by the voters in
36 the referendum that the act required.

37 The purpose of this bill is to provide for 3
38 County Commission Districts in Washington County,

1 each district to elect 1 commissioner who must be a
2 resident of that district.

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