

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. 875

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7 H.P. 605

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative McHenry of Madawaska, referred to the
9 Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Cahill of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator Stover of Sagadahoc.

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 Allow County Officers Who Come into
18 Office During the Year to be Paid
19 Lesser Salaries than Stipulated by
20 Law.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c.
25 790, is further amended to read:

26 1. County officers' salaries. The county commis-
27 sioners, and such treasurers, sheriffs, judges of
28 probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds
29 in the several counties as have been elected or ap-
30 pointed by the beginning of the calendar year shall
31 receive annual salaries from the county treasury, in
32 weekly, biweekly or monthly payments, as follows: in
33 this subsection. Treasurers, sheriffs, judges of
34 probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds
35 who are appointed during the calendar year may re-
36 ceive salaries of up to 20% less than those in this

1 subsection when the person appointed has less experi-
2 ence in, or knowledge of, the duties of the office
3 than the person who vacated the office. The exact
4 salary shall be determined by the county commis-
5 sioners with the approval of a majority of that counties
6 legislative delegation.

7 At the time of preparing the annual estimates of
8 county expenses, as required by section 252, county
9 commissioners may raise or lower the salary of any
10 county officer at their discretion, subject to the
11 approval processes of section 252.

12 A. Androscoggin County:

13	(1) Commissioners	
14	(a) Chairman	\$ 5,050
15	(b) Members	4,250
16	(2) Treasurer	16,050
17	(3) Sheriff	19,313
18	(4) Judge of probate	10,774
19	(5) Register of probate	14,966
20	(6) Register of deeds	15,301

21 B. Aroostook County:

22	(1) Commissioners	
23	(a) Chairman	\$ 8,556
24	(b) Members	4,400
25	(2) Treasurer	6,600
26	(3) Sheriff	17,000
27	(4) Judge of probate	9,350
28	(5) Register of probate	10,500

1	(6) Register of deeds	
2	(a) Northern District	12,600
3	(b) Southern District	12,600
4	C. Cumberland County:	
5	(1) Commissioners	
6	(a) Chairman	\$ 6,192
7	(b) Members	6,192
8	(2) Treasurer	11,994
9	(3) Sheriff	22,225
10	(4) Judge of probate	14,322
11	(5) Register of probate	11,824
12	(6) Register of deeds	11,994
13	D. Franklin County:	
14	(1) Commissioners	
15	(a) Chairman	\$ 4,069
16	(b) Members	3,859
17	(2) Treasurer	4,212
18	(3) Sheriff	20,223
19	(4) Judge of probate	8,925
20	(5) Register of probate	12,874
21	(6) Register of deeds	13,321
22	E. Hancock County:	
23	(1) Commissioners	
24	(a) Chairman	\$ 5,486

1	(b) Members	5,077
2	(2) Treasurer	12,692
3	(3) Sheriff	19,994
4	(4) Judge of probate	11,231
5	(5) Register of probate	10,781
6	(6) Register of deeds	12,692
7	F. Kennebec County:	
8	(1) Commissioners	
9	(a) Chairman	\$ 5,274
10	(b) Members	4,922
11	(2) Treasurer	7,616
12	(3) Sheriff	20,501
13	(4) Judge of probate	12,187
14	(5) Register of probate	14,582
15	(6) Register of deeds	14,582
16	G. Knox County:	
17	(1) Commissioners	
18	(a) Chairman	\$ 3,683
19	(b) Members	3,323
20	(2) Treasurer	5,193
21	(3) Sheriff	17,735
22	(4) Judge of probate	10,751
23	(5) Register of probate	11,449
24	(6) Register of deeds	13,304

1	H. Lincoln County:		
2	(1) Commissioners		
3	(a) Chairman	\$	4,590
4	(b) Members		3,860
5	(2) Treasurer		4,480
6	(3) Sheriff		20,907
7	(4) Judge of probate		10,800
8	(5) Register of probate		13,098
9	(6) Register of deeds		16,430
10	I. Oxford County:		
11	(1) Commissioners		
12	(a) Chairman	\$	4,538
13	(b) Members		4,134
14	(2) Treasurer		5,464
15	(3) Sheriff		20,118
16	(4) Judge of probate		11,391
17	(5) Register of probate		13,072
18	(6) Register of deeds		
19	(a) Eastern District		13,472
20	(b) Western District		9,872
21	J. Penobscot County:		
22	(1) Commissioners		
23	(a) Chairman	\$	6,552
24	(b) Members		6,240

1	(2) Treasurer	1,820
2	(3) Sheriff	19,760
3	(4) Judge of probate	16,640
4	(5) Register of probate	15,756
5	(6) Register of deeds	15,756
6	K. Piscataquis County:	
7	(1) Commissioners	
8	(a) Chairman	\$ 3,885
9	(b) Members	3,150
10	(2) Treasurer	4,200
11	(3) Sheriff	17,850
12	(4) Judge of probate	10,395
13	(5) Register of probate	11,708
14	(6) Register of deeds	12,136
15	L. Sagadahoc County:	
16	(1) Commissioners	
17	(a) Chairman	\$ 3,292
18	(b) Members	2,987
19	(2) Treasurer	6,299
20	(3) Sheriff	16,589
21	(4) Judge of probate	11,605
22	(5) Register of probate	12,680
23	(6) Register of deeds	13,530
24	M. Somerset County:	

1	(1) Commissioners	
2	(a) Chairman	\$ 3,710
3	(b) Members	3,180
4	(2) Treasurer	7,646
5	(3) Sheriff	20,000
6	(4) Judge of probate	12,243
7	(5) Register of probate	12,911
8	(6) Register of deeds	12,311
9	N. Waldo County:	
10	(1) Commissioners	
11	(a) Chairman	\$ 2,738
12	(b) Members	2,738
13	(2) Treasurer	5,200
14	(3) Sheriff	18,224
15	(4) Judge of probate	10,652
16	(5) Register of probate	11,772
17	(6) Register of deeds	11,772
18	O. Washington County:	
19	(1) Commissioners	
20	(a) Chairman	\$ 4,505
21	(b) Members	3,755
22	(2) Treasurer	10,960
23	(3) Sheriff	19,899
24	(4) Judge of probate	12,418

1	(5) Register of probate	12,293
2	(6) Register of deeds	12,293
3	P. York County:	
4	(1) Commissioners	
5	(a) Chairman	\$ 1,905
6	(b) Members	1,695
7	(2) Treasurer	3,500
8	(3) Sheriff	20,000
9	(4) Judge of probate	10,500
10	(5) Register of probate	13,900
11	(6) Register of deeds	15,000
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13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to allow county com-
15 missioners to pay lesser salaries than those mandated
16 by law to county officials who are appointed to ei-
17 ther elective or appointive offices during the calen-
18 dar year if these officials have less experience than
19 the persons that they have replaced. The bill spe-
20 cifically states the authority of the county commis-
21 sioners with the approval of the county legislative
22 delegation to change the salary of all officials,
23 both elected and appointed, at the time of preparing
24 the annual budget.

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