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8 S.P. 584

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9 Reported by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook from the Committee on
10 Agriculture and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Senator
11 Black of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative Sherburne of Dexter,
Senator Erwin of Oxford and Representative Ridley of Shapleigh.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT Relating to County Extension Work in
19 Maine.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §191 is amended to read:

24 §191. Purpose

25 In order to aid in diffusing among the people of
26 this State useful and practical information on sub-
27 jects relating to agriculture and natural resources,
28 ~~home economies and rural life~~ youth development, and
29 home economics and community life and to encourage
30 the application of the same, there may be inaugurated
31 in each of the several counties of the State exten-
32 sion work which shall be carried on in cooperation
33 with the Trustees of the University of Maine, College
34 of Agriculture and the University of Maine at Orono.

1 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §192 is amended to read:

2 §192. Demonstrations and information

3 Cooperative ~~agricultural~~ extension work shall
4 consist of the giving of practical demonstrations in
5 agriculture and natural resources, home economies
6 youth development, and home economics and community
7 life and imparting information on said those subjects
8 through field demonstrations, publications and other-
9 wise. This work shall be carried on in each county in
10 such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the ex-
11 ecutive committee of the county extension association
12 provided for in section 193, and the Trustees of the
13 University of Maine, ~~College of Agriculture~~ the Uni-
14 versity of Maine at Orono, or their duly appointed
15 representatives.

16 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §193 is amended to read:

17 §193. County extension associations

18 For the purpose of carrying out this chapter,
19 there may be created in each county or combination of
20 2 counties within the State an organization to be
21 known as a "county extension association," and its
22 services available to all residents of a county.
23 Such county extension association shall have adopted
24 a constitution and set of bylaws acceptable to the
25 University of Maine, ~~College of Agriculture~~, at Orono
26 and they shall be recognized as the official body
27 within ~~said that~~ county or counties for carrying on
28 extension work in agriculture and ~~home economies nat-~~
29 ural resources, youth development, and home economics
30 and community life within said that county or coun-
31 ties and in cooperation with the University of Maine,
32 College of Agriculture at Orono. The county extension
33 is viewed as a unique and important educational pro-
34 gram of county government. Such organization The
35 county extension association may make such regula-
36 tions and bylaws for its government and the carrying
37 on of its work as are not inconsistent with ~~said that~~
38 chapter, provided ~~but that~~ one such organization
39 shall be formed in each county.

40 Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §194 is amended to read:

1 §194. Budget and taxes

2 The executive committee of each county extension
3 association shall annually prepare an annual
4 financial budget for the 12 months beginning January
5 1st next thereafter as requested, showing in detail
6 its estimate of the amount of money to be expended
7 under this chapter within the county or counties for
8 such 12 months the fiscal year, shall submit the same
9 to a vote of the association at the regular annual
10 meeting and, if the budget is approved by a majority
11 vote of the members of the association present at
12 such meeting, the executive committee shall submit
13 the same to the board of county commissioners on a
14 date in December approved by said requested by the
15 county commissioners, and the county commissioners
16 may, if they deem it justifiable, include the amount
17 of this budget in the appropriations by them annually
18 recommended, adopt an appropriate budget for the
19 county extension program and levy a tax therefor.
20 The amount thus raised by direct taxation within any
21 county or combination of counties for the purposes of
22 this chapter shall be not less than \$1,000 annually
23 per county extension agent be used for the salaries
24 of clerks, provision of office space, supplies,
25 equipment, postage, telephone, a contribution toward
26 the salaries of county agents and such other expenses
27 as necessary to maintain an effective county exten-
28 sion program. At the request of the county extension
29 association made on the said date in December, the
30 county commissioners of the county may allow an
31 amount in excess of the minimum specified, which
32 shall be included in the budget and for which a tax
33 shall be levied. These funds shall be used for the
34 maintenance of the county extension service, includ-
35 ing salaries of agents and clerks, office rental,
36 supplies, equipment, postage, telephone and for such
37 other expenses as necessary to maintain an efficient
38 and effective county extension service. Whenever the
39 inhabitants of 2 counties shall unite for organiza-
40 tion in one association, the amount of the tax as-
41 sessed upon each county shall be in the proportion
42 which the last state valuation in that county bears
43 to the total of the last state valuation in the 2
44 counties so united the executive committee shall
45 present its budget to the county commissioners of
46 both counties. The county commissioners of those

1 counties shall meet jointly to consider and adopt a
2 budget for each county. The amount and proportion of
3 the budget shall be shared in a manner determined by
4 mutual agreement at a joint meeting of the county
5 commissioners.

6 Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §195 is amended to read:

7 §195. Annual reports

8 It shall be the duty of ~~each said~~ the county ex-
9 tension association, annually, ~~on or before the 10th~~
10 ~~day of December as required~~, to present its plan of
11 extension work for the ensuing year and to render to
12 both the trustees of the University of Maine, ~~College~~
13 ~~of Agriculture, at Orono~~ and the county commissioners
14 a full detailed report of its extension activities
15 for the preceding fiscal year, including a detailed
16 report of its receipts and expenditures from all
17 sources. The financial report of such county exten-
18 sion association shall be on such forms as may be
19 prescribed by the ~~trustees of the~~ University of
20 Maine, ~~College of Agriculture at Orono~~ and the county
21 commissioners.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The intent of this new draft is to make needed
24 revisions in the County Extension Act that was previ-
25 ously adopted in 1952.

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