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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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suggested and ordered printed.
                                    EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative STEVENSON of Unity.
    Cosponsored by Representatives WHITCOMB of Waldo, MARSANO
of Belfast and ALLEN of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1   AN ACT Relating to the Membership of the
2   Waldo County Budget Committee.
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4   Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine   as
5   follows:

6   Sec. 1.   30   MRSA   §1403, sub-§1, as repealed and
7   replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §85,   is   amended
8   to read:

9   1. Membership.   The budget committee shall con-
10   sist of 9 members, 3 members from   each   commissioner
11   district selected as provided for in this section and
12   3 county commissioners who shall serve on the commit-
13   tee in an advisory capacity only and shall not vote
14   on any committee matters.

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1     In 1985 1988, and thereafter, at least 90 days  prior
2     to  the end of every other fiscal year, the 9 members
3     shall be elected by the following procedure.

4          A.  The county commissioners shall notify all mu-
5          nicipal officers in the county to caucus by coun-
6          ty commissioner districts at  a  specified  date,
7          time  and  place for the purpose of nominating at
8          least 3 one municipal officers officer from  each
9          district as candidates a candidate for the county
10         budget committee; except that in 1988, at least 3
11         municipal  officers  shall be nominated from each
12         district.  The county commissioners  shall  serve
13         as  nonvoting  moderators for their district cau-
14         cuses.  Nominations shall be  received  from  the
15         floor.  The 3 nominees nominee receiving the most
16         votes  shall be approved.  Any other nominees who
17         receive a majority vote of  those  present  shall
18         also  be  approved.  The names of those duly ap-
19         proved shall be recorded  and  forwarded  to  the
20         county  commissioners  to  be placed on a written
21         ballot.

22         B.  The county commissioners shall  have  written
23         ballots  printed  with  the names of those candi-
24         dates selected in their districts  in  accordance
25         with paragraph A.  The county commissioners shall
26         distribute  these  ballots  to each municipality.
27         Each commissioner district shall require a  sepa-
28         rate  ballot  and  each ballot shall specify each
29         candidate's full name and municipality.  The  mu-
30         nicipal  officers shall vote as a board for 3 one
31         budget committee members member from  the  candi-
32         dates  on the ballot and return the ballot to the
33         county commissioners by a  certain  date;  except
34         that  in  1988, the municipal officers shall vote
35         as a board for 3 budget committee  members.   The
36         ballots  shall be counted at a regular meeting of
37         the county commissioners.  Each  vote  shall  be
38         weighed  according to that municipality's popula-
39         tion as a proportion of the district's total pop-
40         ulation, except that  no  municipality  may  have
41         more than one budget committee member.  The coun-
42         ty  commissioners shall notify each municipality,
43         in writing, of the results of  the  election  and
44         shall  certify  the  results  to the Secretary of
45         State.
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Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §1403, sub-§3, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §85, is repealed
and the following enacted to read:

3. Term of office. The term of office shall be
3 years, provided that a budget committee member re-
mains a municipal officer in his municipality; except
that of those elected in 1988, one from each district
shall be elected for a term of 3 years; one from each
district shall be elected for a term of 2 years; and
one from each district shall be elected for a term of
one year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill provides for staggered terms for the
Waldo County budget committee members.

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