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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Revise the Salaries of Certain
County Officers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it has become necessary to revise the
salaries of certain county officials; and

Whereas, it is desired to have these revisions
retroactive to January 1, 1987; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
the Constitution of Maine and require the following
legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore,

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by
6 PL 1985, c. 799, is repealed and the following en-
7 acted in its place:

8 1. County officers' salaries. Notwithstanding
9 other sections of this chapter, counties that are not
10 required to obtain legislative approval of their bud-
11 gets under section 253, shall not be required to ob-
12 tain legislative approval of the salaries of county
13 officers under this section. The county commission-
14 ers, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, regis-
15 ters of probate and registers of deeds in those coun-
16 ties whose budgets require legislative approval under
17 section 253, shall receive annual salaries from the
18 county treasury, in weekly, biweekly or monthly pay-
19 ments, as follows:

20 A. Androscoggin County:

21	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
22	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 5,550</u>
23	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,750</u>
24	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>16,050</u>
25	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>23,557</u>
26	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>10,774</u>
27	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>12,000</u>
28	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>20,800</u>

29 B. Aroostook County:

30	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
31	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,930</u>

1	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>18,850</u>
2	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>9,818</u>
3	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,000</u>
4	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	
5	<u>(a) Northern District</u>	<u>13,730</u>
6	<u>(b) Southern District</u>	<u>13,730</u>
7	<u>C. Franklin County:</u>	
8	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
9	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>4,401</u>
10	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,174</u>
11	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>4,555</u>
12	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>22,873</u>
13	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>10,500</u>
14	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,000</u>
15	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>16,000</u>
16	<u>D. Hancock County:</u>	
17	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
18	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>6,170</u>
19	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,711</u>
20	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>14,277</u>
21	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>24,000</u>
22	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,633</u>
23	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,167</u>
24	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>14,277</u>

1 E. Kennebec County:

2 (1) Commissioners

3 (a) Chairman \$ 6,150

4 (b) Members 5,773

5 (2) Treasurer 8,159

6 (3) Sheriff 23,626

7 (4) Judge of Probate 14,055

8 (5) Register of Probate 18,020

9 (6) Register of Deeds 18,020

10 F. Knox County:

11 (1) Commissioners

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13 (a) District 1 \$3,611 \$3,611 \$3,611

14 (b) District 2 3,439 3,439 3,611

15 (c) District 3 3,439 3,439 3,611

16 (d) Chairman
17 differential 250 250 250

18 (2) Treasurer 6,000 6,000 6,000

19 (3) Sheriff 22,500 22,500 22,500

20 (4) Judge of
21 Probate 11,000 11,000 11,000

22 (5) Register of
23 Probate 13,425 13,425 15,000

24 (6) Register of
25 Deeds 15,000 15,000 15,000

26 G. Lincoln County:

1	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
2	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,292</u>
3	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,515</u>
4	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>4,935</u>
5	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>24,532</u>
6	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>11,907</u>
7	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,430</u>
8	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,428</u>

9 H. Oxford County:

10	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
11	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,152</u>
12	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,694</u>
13	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,205</u>
14	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>23,148</u>
15	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,934</u>
16	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,820</u>
17	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	
18	<u>(a) Eastern District</u>	<u>15,236</u>
19	<u>(b) Western District</u>	<u>11,700</u>

20 I. Penobscot County:

21	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
22	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>7,176</u>
23	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,864</u>
24	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>2,808</u>

1	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>22,932</u>
2	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>18,720</u>
3	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>18,044</u>
4	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,044</u>

5 J. Piscataquis County:

6	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
7	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
8	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,200</u>
9	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,200</u>
10	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>20,000</u>
11	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>11,700</u>
12	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,450</u>
13	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,900</u>

14 K. Sagadahoc County:

15	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
16	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,120</u>
17	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,605</u>
18	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>7,017</u>
19	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>19,055</u>
20	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,929</u>
21	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,125</u>
22	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,073</u>

23 L. Somerset County:

24	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
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1	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ 4,296
2	<u>(b) Members</u>	3,681
3	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	8,850
4	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	25,400
5	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	14,307
6	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	15,089
7	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	15,500
8	<u>M. Washington County:</u>	
9	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
10	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ 4,872
11	<u>(b) Members</u>	4,061
12	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	15,600
13	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	22,381
14	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	13,834
15	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	13,696
16	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	13,696
17	<u>N. York County:</u>	
18	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	\$ 0
19	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	3,900
20	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	27,000
21	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	11,463
22	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	15,935
23	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	17,563
24	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency	

1 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
2 when approved and shall be applied retroactively to
3 January 1, 1987.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The various sections dealing with the authority
6 and responsibility of individual county officers re-
7 quire that their salaries be paid as reflected in the
8 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 2. This
9 bill changes the figures currently in this section to
10 bring them into line with the 1987 county budgets as
11 approved by the Legislature.

12 The bill reaffirms that counties which are no
13 longer required to have their budgets approved by the
14 Legislature do not need to have statutory approval of
15 the salaries of their officers. Currently, Cumber-
16 land County and Waldo County do not require legisla-
17 tive approval of their budget.

18 Counties which have county administrators may not
19 pay a salary to their commissioners. Currently,
20 Aroostook County and York County have county adminis-
21 trators.

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