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STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Revise the Salaries of Certain
County Officers.**

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4 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

1 Whereas, it is desired to have these revisions
2 retroactive to January 1, 1988; and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
4 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
5 Constitution of Maine and require the following
6 legislation as immediately necessary for the
7 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
8 now, therefore,

9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
10 follows:

11 Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, as repealed and
12 replaced by PL 1987, c. 391, is repealed and the
13 following enacted in its place:

14 1. County officers' salaries. Notwithstanding
15 other sections of this chapter, counties that are not
16 required to obtain legislative approval of their
17 budgets under section 253, shall not be required to
18 obtain legislative approval of the salaries of county
19 officers under this section. The county
20 commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of
21 probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds
22 in those counties whose budgets require legislative
23 approval under section 253, shall receive annual
24 salaries from the county treasury, in weekly, biweekly
25 or monthly payments, as follows:

26 A. Androscoggin County:

27 (1) Commissioners

28 (a) Chairman \$ 5,755

29 (b) Members 4,926

30 (2) Treasurer 18,500

31 (3) Sheriff 24,617

32 (4) Judge of Probate 11,173

33 (5) Register of Probate 12,444

1	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>		<u>21,570</u>
2	<u>B. Aroostook County:</u>		
3	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>		
4		<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
5	<u>(a) Chairman</u>		<u>\$2,000</u>
6	<u>(b) Members</u>		<u>2,000</u>
7	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>\$7,207</u>	<u>8,000</u>
8	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>19,604</u>	<u>20,800</u>
9	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>10,210</u>
10	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,560</u>	<u>16,560</u>
11	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>		
12	<u>(a) Northern District</u>	<u>14,280</u>	<u>16,280</u>
13	<u>(b) Southern District</u>	<u>14,280</u>	<u>16,280</u>
14	<u>C. Franklin County:</u>		
15	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>		
16	<u>(a) Chairman</u>		<u>\$ 4,665</u>
17	<u>(b) Members</u>		<u>4,424</u>
18	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>		<u>4,828</u>
19	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>		<u>24,245</u>
20	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>		<u>11,130</u>
21	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>		<u>15,900</u>
22	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>		<u>16,960</u>

1	<u>D. Hancock County:</u>	
2	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
3	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 6,870</u>
4	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,411</u>
5	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>15,277</u>
6	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>26,500</u>
7	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,633</u>
8	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,167</u>
9	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,277</u>

10	<u>E. Kennebec County:</u>	
11	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
12	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 6,396</u>
13	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,004</u>
14	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>8,485</u>
15	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>24,571</u>
16	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>14,617</u>
17	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>18,741</u>
18	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,741</u>

19	<u>F. Knox County:</u>				
20	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>				
21		<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
22	<u>(a) District 1</u>	<u>\$3,611</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>

1	(b) District 2	<u>3,439</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
2	(c) District 3	<u>3,439</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
3	(d) Chairman				
4	<u>differential</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
5	(2) Treasurer	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
6	(3) Sheriff	<u>25,000</u>			
7	(4) Judge of Probate	<u>11,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
8	(5) Register of				
9	<u>Probate</u>	<u>14,500</u>			
10	(6) Register of				
11	<u>Deeds</u>	<u>16,200</u>			

12 G. Lincoln County:

13	(1) Commissioners				
14	(a) Chairman				<u>\$ 5,542</u>
15	(b) Members				<u>4,765</u>
16	(2) Treasurer				<u>5,185</u>
17	(3) Sheriff				<u>25,232</u>
18	(4) Judge of Probate				<u>12,503</u>
19	(5) Register of Probate				<u>15,000</u>
20	(6) Register of Deeds				<u>19,128</u>

21 H. Oxford County:

22	(1) Commissioners				
23	(a) Chairman				<u>\$ 5,358</u>

1	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,882</u>
2	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,453</u>
3	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>25,074</u>
4	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,451</u>
5	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,413</u>
6	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	
7	<u>(a) Eastern District</u>	<u>15,845</u>
8	<u>(b) Western District</u>	<u>12,600</u>
9	<u>I. Penobscot County:</u>	
10	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
11	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 7,384</u>
12	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>7,072</u>
13	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>2,912</u>
14	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>25,012</u>
15	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>19,188</u>
16	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>18,512</u>
17	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,512</u>
18	<u>J. Piscataquis County:</u>	
19	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
20	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 5,400</u>
21	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,600</u>
22	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,500</u>

1	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>20,800</u>
2	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,168</u>
3	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,988</u>
4	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>14,456</u>
5	<u>K. Sagadahoc County:</u>	
6	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
7	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,285</u>
8	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,749</u>
9	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>7,298</u>
10	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,000</u>
11	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,446</u>
12	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,690</u>
13	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,676</u>
14	<u>L. Somerset County:</u>	
15	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
16	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,511</u>
17	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,865</u>
18	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>9,293</u>
19	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>26,670</u>
20	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>15,022</u>
21	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,843</u>
22	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>16,275</u>

1	<u>M. Washington County:</u>	
2	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
3	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,872</u>
4	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,061</u>
5	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>18,000</u>
6	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>27,000</u>
7	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>14,526</u>
8	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,010</u>
9	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,010</u>

10 N. York County:

11	<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
12	<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
13	<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,500</u>
14	<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,200</u>
15	<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>28,000</u>
16	<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,500</u>
17	<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>20,000</u>
18	<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>20,000</u>

19 **Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §202-A is enacted to read:**

20 §202-A. Aroostook County.

21 Notwithstanding section 202, county commissioners
 22 in Aroostook County shall be entitled to the salary
 23 specified in section 2, regardless of whether that
 24 county has a full-time county administrator.

1 Notwithstanding section 202, if Aroostook County
2 employs a full-time county administrator, the county
3 commissioners may receive up to and including \$100 for
4 each meeting attended for up to 52 meetings in the
5 fiscal year. They shall receive no per diem
6 compensation for any meetings in excess of 52 meetings.

7 Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §202-B is enacted to read:

8 §202-B. York County

9 Notwithstanding section 202, county commissioners
10 in York County shall be entitled to the salary
11 specified in section 2, regardless of whether that
12 county has a full-time county administrator.

13 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
14 cited in the preamble, this Act, except section 2,
15 shall take effect when approved and shall be applied
16 retroactively to January 1, 1988. Section 2 shall
17 take effect January 1, 1989.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The various sections dealing with the authority
20 and responsibility of individual county officers
21 require that their salaries be paid as reflected in
22 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 2. This
23 bill changes the figures currently in this section to
24 bring them into line with the 1988 county budgets as
25 approved by the Legislature. This bill also contains
26 salaries for future years in Knox County and Aroostook
27 County.

28 The counties which are no longer required to have
29 their budgets approved by the Legislature do not need
30 to have statutory approval of the salaries of their
31 officers. Currently, Cumberland County and Waldo
32 County do not require legislative approval of their
33 budget.

34 Counties which have county administrators may not
35 pay a salary to their commissioners. Currently,
36 Aroostook County and York County have county

1 administrators. This bill, however, waives this
2 no-salary provision for those 2 counties and allows
3 the payment of salaries as specified in Title 30,
4 section 2. It also allows the payment of \$100 per
5 commissioner meeting in Aroostook County. The current
6 limit for counties that have an administrator is \$75.
7 The salary and per diem provisions for Aroostook
8 County are not to take place until January 1, 1989.

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