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House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representative LORD of Waterboro, Representative NADEAU of Saco and Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require 5 Commissioners in York County.



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

3 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §61-A is enacted to read:

5 §61-A. York County

7 Notwithstanding section 61, there shall be a Board of
9 Commissioners for York County consisting of a chair and 4 other
11 citizens. All other provisions of section 101 shall apply to
13 York County.

15 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §66, sub-§16, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
17 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106, is amended to read:

19 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of the
21 municipalities of Arundel, Biddeford, Kennebunk,
23 Kennebunkport, Ogunquit, Wells and York. The term of office
25 of the commissioner from this district shall expire in 1990
27 and every 4 2 years thereafter.

29 Sec. 3. York County Apportionment Commission. No later than
31 October 15, 1989, the York County legislative delegation shall
33 appoint a York County Apportionment Commission which shall
35 consist of 4 residents of the county, two of whom are registered
37 members of the Democratic Party and two of whom are registered
39 members of the Republican Party.

41 The apportionment commission shall apportion York County
43 into 5 county commissioner districts. The chair of the
45 delegation is responsible for calling the commission together no
47 later than November 15, 1989, and shall act as chair until the
49 commission elects its own chair at its first meeting. The
51 commission may take no action without a quorum of 3. The
commission shall follow the proceedings of Title 30-A, section
65, so far as applicable. It shall include in its plan when the
term of office of each district commissioner is to expire. It
may include in its plan a recommendation for an earlier effective
date for the increase in commissioner districts if such
recommendation includes a legally acceptable provision for
dealing with persons who hold county commissioner office at the
time recommended for the increased district plan to take effect.

The commission shall submit its apportionment plan to the
legislative delegation no later than January 1, 1990. The
delegation shall submit its plan to the Clerk of the House no
later than February 1, 1990. This submission shall indicate any
areas of disagreement with the commission. The Clerk of the
House shall submit to the Legislature no later than February 15,
1990, a legislative document to reapportion York County into 5
commissioner districts based on the plan submitted by the
apportionment commission.

1 **Sec. 4. Effective Date.** Section 1 of this bill shall take
effect January 1, 1993.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill changes the required number of county
commissioners in York County from 3 to 5. It revises the terms
of office so that all terms will expire in 1992 and makes the
change in the number of commissioner districts effective as of
that time. It sets up an apportionment commission consisting of
2 Democrats and 2 Republicans to be selected by the legislative
delegation. This commission is to determine the boundaries of
the new district alignment and make a report to the Clerk of the
House in the same manner as done in the apportionment review
which is required for all counties every 10 years.

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