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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McHENRY of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide for Biennial Review of the Aroostook County
Budget.**



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

3 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701-A is enacted to read:**

5 **§701-A. Aroostook County biennial estimates**

7 Commencing with the 1990 county budget estimates and
9 biennially thereafter, the Aroostook County commissioners shall
11 prepare the county estimates and cause the taxes to be assessed
13 as follows.

15 1. Forms. The county estimates must be made on forms and
17 in the manner approved by the Department of Audit. The Secretary
19 of State shall provide copies of these forms to the Aroostook
21 County commissioners no later than September 19th before the
23 start of each new biennium. Forms shall be appropriately
25 designed for use in estimating the expenses of 2 fiscal years in
27 each biennium.

29 2. Preparation of estimates. In order to assess a county
31 tax, the county commissioners, prior to November 7th before the
33 start of each new biennium, shall prepare estimates of the sums
35 necessary to pay the expenses which have accrued or may probably
37 accrue for the next 2 years, including the building and repairing
39 of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by
41 their counties.

43 The estimates must be drawn so as to authorize the appropriations
45 to be made to each department or agency of the county government
47 for each year of the biennium. The estimates must provide
49 specific amounts for personal services, contractual services,
51 commodities, debt service and capital expenditures.

Salaries and compensation of elected county officials shall not
be increased at any time during their elected terms of office.

37 3. Public hearing. The county commissioners shall hold a
39 public hearing in the county on these estimates prior to December
41 1st before each new biennium. They shall publish a notice of the
43 hearing at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of
45 general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy
47 of the estimates shall be sent by mail or delivered in person to
49 the clerk of each municipality in the county and to each member
51 of the county legislative delegation at least 10 days before the
hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers
of the receipt of the estimates.

4. Meeting with legislative delegation. Before the
Legislature convenes, the county commissioners of Aroostook shall
meet with the legislative delegation of their county to finalize
estimates for each new biennium.

