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House of Representatives, June 12, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Pert'.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln, Representative BEGLEY of Waldoboro and Representative BREWER of Boothbay Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Amend the Procedure for Approval of the Lincoln County
Budget.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

3 30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 5-A is enacted to read:

5 ARTICLE 5-A. LINCOLN COUNTY BUDGET

7 §791. Budget; appropriations; approval

9 Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Lincoln County
11 the county commissioners may appropriate money, according to a
13 budget, which must be approved by a majority of the county
15 commissioners.

17 §792. Interim budget

19 If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal
21 year, until a budget is finally adopted, the county shall operate
23 on an interim budget which may not exceed 80% of the previous
25 year's budget.

27 §793. Advisory committee

29 There is established a Lincoln County Budget Advisory
31 Committee comprised as follows.

33 1. Municipal officers. Municipal officers within each
35 commissioner district shall caucus and shall elect municipal
37 officers from that district to fill vacancies as they arise, for
39 terms as provided in paragraph A.

41 A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that
43 initially each district caucus shall select one member for a
45 one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member
47 for a 3-year term. There shall be 3 members from each
49 commissioner district. If a committee member ceases to be a
municipal officer during the term of membership, the
committee member shall resign the membership and the next
district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to
fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.

2. Legislative member. The Lincoln County legislative
delegation shall select one of the delegation's members who is a
resident of Lincoln County to serve on the committee.

The committee shall select its own chair each year.

§794. Public hearing

The Lincoln County commissioners shall hold one or more
public hearings on the budget estimate before October 1st and an

1 informational meeting, in conjunction with the advisory
3 committee, with the Lincoln County legislative delegation before
4 December 1st.

5 **§795. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee**

7 The Lincoln County commissioners shall submit a budget
8 estimate to the advisory committee no later than October 1st for
9 the coming year. The advisory committee shall review the budget
10 estimate and make recommendations to the commissioners before
11 November 15th. The county commissioners shall act on the budget
12 in a timely fashion and, in any event, not later than December
13 15th of the budget year.

14 **§796. Final budget estimates; filing**

15 A copy of the final budget estimates shall be filed, on
16 forms approved by the Department of Audit, with the State
17 Auditor, who shall retain them for 3 years.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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25 This bill establishes the Lincoln County Budget Advisory
26 Committee to review the budget estimate and make recommendations
27 to the Lincoln County commissioners.