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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 15, L.D. 18, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Franklin County Budget"

Amend the bill in that part designated "§873." in subsection 2 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 44 and 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: 'who is a resident of Franklin County'

Further amend the bill by striking out all those parts designated "§874.", "§875." and "§876." and inserting in their place the following:

'§874. Budget procedures

1. Budget procedures. The Franklin County commissioners shall submit itemized finance estimates in the form of a budget to the advisory committee no later than 60 days before the end of the county's fiscal year.

2. Budget review process. The advisory committee shall review the itemized estimated budget prepared by the county commissioners, together with any supplementary material prepared by the head of each county department or provided by any independent board or institution or another governmental agency. The advisory committee shall prepare a proposed budget and may increase, decrease or alter the estimated budget as long as:

A. The advisory committee enters into its minutes an explanation for any suggested change in the estimated expenditures and revenues as initially presented by the county commissioners; and

B. In the proposed budget, the total estimated revenues, together with the amount of county tax to be levied, equals the total estimated expenditures.

2 3. Public hearing. The advisory committee shall hold a
3 public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the
4 end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of
5 the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all
6 newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10
7 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the
8 proposed budget must be sent by mail, or delivered in person, to
9 the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal
10 clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

11 4. Finality of budget. After the public hearing is
12 completed, the advisory committee shall adopt a final budget and
13 transmit that budget to the county commissioners. The county
14 commissioners may not further increase, decrease, alter or revise
15 the budget adopted by the advisory committee, except by unanimous
16 vote of the county commissioners. If the adopted budget is
17 changed by the county commissioners, the advisory committee may
18 reject that change by a 2/3 vote of its membership. Those
19 actions are final and are not subject to further action by either
20 the county commissioners or the advisory committee.

21 §875. Filing of final budget

22 A copy of the final budget must be filed with the State
23 Auditor on forms approved by the Department of Audit. The State
24 Auditor shall retain the forms for 3 years.

25 §876. Repeal

26 This article is repealed on April 30, 1993, unless continued
27 by act of the Legislature upon the review and recommendation of
28 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
29 jurisdiction over state and local government matters.'

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

37 This amendment details the budget procedures required for
38 arrival at and approval of a final budget for Franklin County. A
39 section that repeals the entire article, subject to the review of
40 the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, is
41 also added.
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