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House of Representatives, December 10, 1990

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 TRACY of Rome.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning the Franklin County Budget.



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

30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 9 is enacted to read:

Article 9

FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET

§871. Budget; appropriations; approval

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

§872. Interim budget

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

§873. Advisory committee

There is established a Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee comprised as follows.

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

A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus shall select one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. There must be 3 members from each 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 Franklin County legislative delegation shall select one of the delegation's members who is a resident of Franklin County to serve on the committee.

3. Committee chair. The committee shall select its own chair each year.

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§874. Public hearing

The Franklin County commissioners shall hold one or more public hearings on the budget estimate before October 1st and an informational meeting, in conjunction with the advisory committee, with the Franklin County legislative delegation before December 1st.

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§875. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee

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

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§876. Final budget estimates; filing

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee to review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the Franklin County commissioners.