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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ERWIN of Rumford. Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Representative BENNETT of Norway and Representative BARTH of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Establish a Budget Advisory Committee in Oxford County.

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	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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4	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, first 2 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place:
6	SUBCHAPTER I
8	TAX ASSESSMENT AND BUDGET PROCESS
10	Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 9 is enacted to read:
12	<u>Article 9</u> OXFORD COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
14	<u>§871. Budget; appropriations and approval</u>
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18	Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Oxford County the county commissioners may appropriate money, according to a
20	budget that must be prepared by the Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee. A unanimous vote of the county commissioners is required to change the budget as presented by the Oxford County
22	Budget Advisory Committee.
24	<u>§872. Advisory committee</u>
26	This section establishes the Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee.
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	1. Appointment. Each county commissioner shall appoint a
30	<u>municipal officer from the commissioner's respective county</u>
	commissioner district prior to September 15th of every year.
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34	<b>2. Municipal officer elections.</b> Before September 15th of every year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers to caucus by county commissioner district at a specified
36	date, time and place for the purpose of electing 2 municipal officers from each district as members of the county budget
38	advisory committee. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must
40	be received from the floor. The 2 nominees receiving the most votes are the budget advisory committee members. The names of
42	those elected by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the county commissioners.
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	3. Vacancy; replacement. If a budget advisory committee
46	member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, the committee member vacates membership and a
48	replacement must be appointed by the county commissioners from the district in which the vacancy occurred.
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	4. Municipal officer; definition. The term "municipal
2	officer," as it refers to the Oxford County Budget Advisory
	<u>Committee in this section, means a selectman or council member.</u>
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c	<u>§873. Budget process</u>
6	1. Public hearing. The Oxford County Commissioners shall
8	hold one or more public hearings on the budget estimate before
Ũ	November 1st of each year.
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	2. Budget estimate; submission to budget advisory
12	committee. The Oxford County Commissioners shall submit a budget
	<u>estimate for the coming year to the budget advisory committee no</u>
14	later than November 1st of each year. The budget advisory
1.6	committee shall review the budget estimate and prepare the
16	budget. The budget must be presented to the county commissioners
18	<u>before December 1st of each year. The county commissioners shall</u> <u>act on the budget in a timely fashion, not later than December</u>
TO	15th of the year preceding the budget year.
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	3. Final budget; filing. A copy of the final budget must
22	be filed on forms approved by the Department of Audit. The State
	Auditor shall retain the budget for 3 years.
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	4. Interim budget. If the budget is not approved before
26.	the start of the fiscal year, the county must operate on an
28	interim budget that does not exceed the budget of the previous year until a final budget is adopted.
20	<u>year until a final budget is adopted.</u>
30	<u> \$874. Officers' salaries</u>
·32	The county commissioners shall set the salaries of all
	county officers with the exception of their own. The salaries of
34	the county commissioners are set by the budget advisory committee.
36	STATEMENT OF FACT
38	This bill establishes and provides the selection process for
	the Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee. The bill also sets
40	forth the process of budget hearings, review and submission.