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Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan. Cosponsored by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Concerning the Somerset County Budget.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 9 is enacted to read:
4	Article 9
6	SOMERSET COUNTY BUDGET
8	<u>§871. Budget; appropriations; approval</u>
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12	Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Somerset County the county commissioners may appropriate money according to a budget that must be approved by a majority of the county
14	<u>commissioners.</u>
16	<u>§872. Interim budget</u>
18	If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, until a budget is finally adopted the county shall operate
20	<u>on an interim budget that may not exceed 80% of the previous</u> year's budget.
22	<u>§873. Advisory committee</u>
24	There is established a Somerset County Budget Advisory
26	Committee comprised as follows.
28	1. Municipal officers. Municipal officers within each commissioner district shall caucus and shall elect municipal
30	officers from that district to fill vacancies as they arise, for terms as provided in paragraph A.
32	A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that
34	<u>initially each district caucus shall select one member for a</u> one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member
36	for a 3-year term. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district. If a committee member ceases to be a
38	municipal officer during the term of membership, the committee member shall resign the membership and the next
40	<u>district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer 'to</u> fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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44	2. Committee chair. The committee shall select its own chair each year.
46	§874. Public hearing
48	The Somerset County commissioners shall hold one or more public hearings on the budget estimate before December 1st.
50	§875. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee
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The Somerset 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. 8

<u>§876. Final budget estimates; filing</u>

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<u>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.</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

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

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