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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1193, L.D. 1746, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Budget Process for Sagadahoc County"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the adjournment date of the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature is uncertain; and

Whereas, the notification to county municipal officers to caucus to elect the budget advisory committee membership must be made before September 15th; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by striking out all of that part designated "~~§883.~~" and inserting in its place the following:

'§883. Advisory committee

There is established a Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee as provided in this section.

1. Budget advisory committee membership; election. The municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget advisory committee members by the following procedure.

2 A. Before September 15th of every year, the county
3 commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the
4 county to caucus by county commissioner districts at a
5 specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing
6 the membership of the county budget advisory committee. The
7 county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for
8 that commissioner's district caucus. Nominations must be
9 received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most
10 votes is approved as a budget advisory committee member,
11 except as provided in paragraph D.

12 B. The budget advisory committee consists of 9 members:
13 two municipal officers from each of the 3 county
14 commissioner districts and one representative of the general
15 public from each of the 3 county commissioner districts.
16 Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms, except
17 as provided in paragraph D. If a budget advisory committee
18 member who is elected as a municipal officer ceases to be a
19 municipal officer during the term of membership, the
20 committee member must vacate membership.

21 (1) If a budget advisory committee member who is
22 elected as a municipal officer vacates, resigns or is
23 unable to complete the term of office to which that
24 member was elected, the next district caucus shall
25 elect a municipal officer to serve for the remainder of
26 the unexpired term.

27 (2) If a budget advisory committee member who is a
28 representative of the general public resigns or is
29 unable to complete the term of office to which that
30 member was elected, the next district caucus shall
31 elect a representative of the general public to serve
32 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

33 C. The budget advisory committee shall select annually one
34 of its members to chair the committee.

35 D. In 1991, each caucus shall elect 3 members whose terms
36 are as follows.

37 (1) One of the members who is a municipal officer
38 shall serve an initial term of one year.

39 (2) One of the members who is a municipal officer
40 shall serve an initial term of 2 years.

41 (3) The member who is a representative of the general
42 public shall serve an initial term of 3 years.'

43 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
44 fact the following:
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'§886. Repeal

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This article is repealed on September 1, 1994.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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In the original bill, the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee was comprised of elected municipal officials only.

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This amendment changes the composition of the committee to include 6 elected municipal officials and 3 representatives of

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the general public. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble, emergency clause and a sunset provision to the bill.

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