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House of Representatives, April 30, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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 COLES of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Representative HOLT of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish a Budget Process for Sagadahoc County.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

4 30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 9 is enacted to read:

6 ARTICLE 9

8 SAGADAHOC COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10 §881. Budget; appropriations; approval

12 Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Sagadahoc County
14 the county commissioners may appropriate money according to a
16 budget that must be approved by a majority of the county
18 commissioners.

20 §882. Interim budget

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

30 §883. Advisory committee

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

36 1. Municipal officers; election; term. The municipal
38 officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the
40 budget committee members by the following procedure.

42 A. Before September 15th of every year, the county
44 commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the
46 county to caucus by county commissioner districts at a
48 specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing
50 at least one municipal officer from each district as a
member of the county budget committee except, in 1991, at
least 3 municipal officers must be selected from each
district. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting
moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be
received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most
votes is approved as a budget committee member except, in
1991, each caucus shall elect 3 members. The names of those
elected by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the
county commissioners.

B. Budget committee members serve 3-year terms except, in
1991, one member from each district must be elected for a
one-year term, one for a 2-year term and one for a 3-year
term. If a budget committee member ceases to be a municipal
officer during the term of membership, the committee member

2 vacates membership and the next district caucus shall elect
4 a qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of
6 the unexpired term.

8 2. Chair. The budget committee shall annually select one
10 of its members to chair the committee.

12 **§884. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee**

14 The Sagadahoc County commissioners shall submit a budget
16 estimate to the advisory committee no later than October 1st for
18 the coming year. The advisory committee shall review the budget
20 estimate, hold a public hearing on the budget estimate and make
22 recommendations to the commissioners before November 15th. The
24 county commissioners shall act on the budget in a timely fashion
26 and, in any event, not later than December 15th of the budget
28 year.

30 **§885. 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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