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In Senate, January 8, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FOSTER of Hancock

Cosponsored by Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor, Representative  
SALISBURY of Ellsworth and Representative GRAY of Sedgwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Create a Budget Advisory Committee for Hancock County.

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

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

6 Article 4-B

8 HANCOCK COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10 §761. Budget; appropriations; approval

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

20 §762. Interim budget

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

30 §763. Advisory committee

32 There is established the Hancock 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 advisory 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 budget advisory committee except, in 1992, 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 advisory committee member  
except, in 1992, 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 advisory committee members serve 3-year terms  
except, in 1992, one member from each district must be  
elected for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term  
and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget advisory

2 committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during the  
4 term of membership, that committee member vacates membership  
6 and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified  
8 municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the  
10 unexpired term.

12 2. Legislative member. The Hancock County legislative  
14 delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who  
16 resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory  
18 committee.

20 3. Chair. The budget advisory committee shall annually  
22 select one of its members to chair the committee.

24 **§764. Public hearing**

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

36 **§765. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee**

38 The Hancock County commissioners shall submit a budget  
40 estimate to the budget advisory committee no later than October  
42 1st for the coming year. The budget advisory committee shall  
44 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.

46 **§766. Final budget estimates; filing**

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

54 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

56 This bill establishes the Hancock County Budget Advisory  
58 Committee.