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House of Representatives, March 12, 1992

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 LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield and Representative BAILEY of Township 27.

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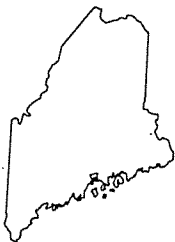
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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An Act to Permit Washington County to Establish a Budget Committee.

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(AFTER DEADLINE)



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, art. 13 is enacted to read:

6 Article 13

8 WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10 §900. Budget; appropriations; approval

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

20 §900-A. 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, that may not  
26 exceed 80% of the previous year's budget, until a budget is  
28 finally adopted.

30 §900-B. Advisory committee

32 There is established the Washington 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  
at least one municipal officer from each district as a  
member of the budget advisory committee; except that, in  
1992, at least 3 municipal officers must be selected from  
each district unless the municipal officers of a district  
decide that another person from that district would be  
better qualified. 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 that, 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.

2 B. Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms  
4 except that, in 1992, one member from each district must be  
6 elected for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term  
8 and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget advisory  
10 committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during the  
12 term of membership, that committee member vacates membership  
14 and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified  
16 municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the  
18 unexpired term.

20 2. Legislative member. The Washington County legislative  
22 delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who  
24 resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory  
26 committee.

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

32 **§900-C. Public hearing**

34 The Washington County commissioners shall hold one or more  
36 public hearings on the budget estimate before October 1st and an  
38 informational meeting, in conjunction with the budget advisory  
40 committee, with the Washington County legislative delegation  
42 before December 1st.

44 **§900-D. Budget estimate; submission to advisory committee**

46 The Washington County commissioners shall submit a budget  
48 estimate to the budget advisory committee no later than October  
50 1st for the coming year. The budget advisory committee shall  
52 review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the  
54 commissioners before November 15th. The county commissioners  
56 shall act on the budget in a timely fashion and, in any event,  
58 not later than December 15th of the budget year.

60 **§900-E. Final budget estimates; filing**

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

68 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

70 This bill establishes the Washington County Budget Advisory  
72 Committee.