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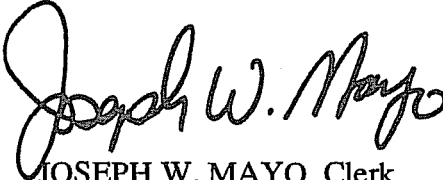
No. 463

H.P. 360

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

An Act to Require the Provision of Local Law Enforcement.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator:
LAWRENCE of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2677 is enacted to read:**

6 **§2677. Municipal law enforcement required**

8 Whenever a municipality attains a population of 3,500 or
10 more and a population density of 75 or more persons per square
12 mile, as determined and certified by the Department of Human
14 Services, the municipal officers shall provide local law
16 enforcement by:

18 1. Appointment. Appointment of law enforcement officers
20 under the terms of this subchapter;

22 2. Contract with county. Contracting with the county
24 commissioners for sheriff's patrol services under section 452; or

26 3. Contract with State. Contracting with the State Police.

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill provides that when towns become populous enough to warrant their own police services, the municipality will provide them from their funds. Currently, these towns may fail to provide or eliminate their police departments and the other towns of the county or state bear the additional costs to the county sheriffs and State Police of providing services to towns large enough to warrant local law enforcement.