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No. 1416

S.P. 449

In Senate, May 3, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Hancock County Budget
Advisory Committee.**

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 Senator: GOULD of Waldo, Representatives: COFFMAN of Old Town,
CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor, FARREN of Cherryfield, GRAY of Sedgwick, SWAZEY of
Bucksport, WALKER of Blue Hill, ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 749, §1, are amended to read:

6 A. Before September 15th of every year, the county
8 commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the
10 county to caucus by county commissioner districts at a
12 specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing
14 at least one municipal officer from each district as a
16 member of the budget advisory committee ~~except, in 1992, at
18 least 3 municipal officers must be selected from each
20 district.~~ The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting
22 moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be
24 received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most
26 votes is approved as a budget advisory committee member
28 ~~except, in 1992, each caucus shall elect 3 members.~~ The
30 names of those elected by the caucus must be recorded and
32 forwarded to the county commissioners.

34 B. Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms
36 ~~except, in 1992, one member from each district must be
38 elected for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term
40 and one member for a 3-year term~~ and no more than one member
42 from each municipality may serve at a time. If a budget
44 advisory committee member ceases to be a municipal officer
during the term of membership, that committee member vacates
membership and the next district caucus shall elect a
qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of
the unexpired term.

32 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §765, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 749, §1, is
34 amended to read:

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 no later than December 15th of the budget year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill clarifies that the Hancock County commissioners
6 must act on recommendations by December 15th of the budget year
and provides that no more than one committee member from each
municipality may serve at a time. The bill also removes from the
law obsolete language concerning appointment dates.