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House of Representatives, January 11, 1994

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Patrolling Small Towns by the County Sheriff.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick. Cosponsored by Representative CARLETON of Wells, Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: CARR of Sanford, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, LEMONT of Kittery, LIBBY of Kennebunk, MARSHALL of Eliot, OTT of York.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §452, as amended by PL 1991, c. 478, is further amended to read:

#### 6 **§452.** Patrol

The sheriff in each county, in person or by the sheriff's deputies, to the extent the sheriff undertakes to patrol, shall <u>may</u> patrol those areas in the county that have no local law enforcement but may not be required by law to patrol the entire county. The county commissioners, with the sheriff's agreement, may enter into a contract with a municipality under section 107 to provide specific patrol services by the sheriff's department in return for payment for these services.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

Present law requires the sheriff's deputies to patrol areas in the county that do not have local law enforcement. This bill changes the law so that the sheriff's deputies now have the option to patrol those areas.

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30 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical 32 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.