

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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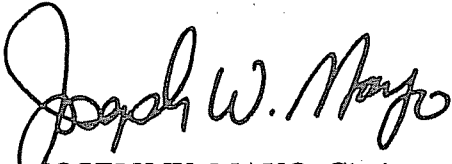
House of Representatives, February 28, 1994

**An Act to Improve the Delivery of Law Enforcement Services in  
Kennebec County.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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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.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §401, sub-§§2 and 3, as amended by PL 1989,  
4 c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, are further amended to read:

6 2. **County commissioners' duties.** The county commissioners  
7 shall regularly review the sheriff's operations and shall ensure  
8 that the law enforcement functions required under the budget are  
9 being adequately performed. For Kennebec County, the sheriff's  
10 department must demonstrate a need and receive approval of the  
11 county commissioners for any expansion or increase in services.  
12 The county commissioners may not give orders directly to any  
13 deputies or other subordinates of the sheriff, either publicly or  
14 privately.

16 3. **Meetings with municipal officers; State Police.** At  
17 least annually, the county commissioners and sheriff shall hold a  
18 special meeting for reviewing county law enforcement activities;  
19 except that, for Kennebec County, these meetings must be held  
20 semiannually. The county commissioners shall set a date, time  
21 and place for this meeting and inform the sheriff and all  
22 municipal officers, including all municipal police chiefs within  
23 the county, of the meeting at least one week in advance. The  
24 meetings in Kennebec County must include the State Police. The  
25 purpose of ~~this-meeting~~ these meetings is to review activities of  
26 the sheriff's department, to coordinate law enforcement  
27 activities throughout the county and, to resolve problems in law  
28 enforcement and to avoid duplicated services.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill requires the Kennebec County Sheriff to  
35 demonstrate a need and receive approval of the county  
36 commissioners for any expansion or increase in services. The  
37 bill also provides that the Kennebec County Commissioners and  
38 sheriff must meet twice a year to review county law enforcement  
39 activity and that the State Police must be included in the  
40 meeting.

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