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H.P. 106

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Require Towns with a Population of 3,500 or More to Provide
Funding for Law Enforcement.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, LEMONT of Kittery, MURPHY of
Berwick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §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 per square mile, as
12 determined and certified by the Department of Human Services, the
14 municipal officers shall provide local law enforcement by:

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

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

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

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill provides that when towns become populous enough to
32 warrant their own police services, the municipality will provide
them from their funds. Currently, these towns may fail to
provide or may 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.