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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 822, L.D. 1153, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Somerset County Budget Committee"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §897, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

A. The county commissioners may not further increase, decrease, alter or revise the budget adopted by the budget committee except by unanimous vote of the county commissioners. ~~If the adopted budget is changed by the county commissioners, the budget committee may reject that change by a 2/3 vote of its membership. The budget is final and not subject to further action by either the county commissioners or the budget committee upon failure of the commissioners to unanimously recommend changes in the budget transmitted from the budget committee or upon acceptance or rejection of changes by the budget committee.~~

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment changes the approval process of the Somerset County budget. Currently, the budget committee adopts the budget, which is final unless altered by unanimous vote of the county commissioners. The county commissioners' action may, in turn, be overruled by a 2/3 vote of the budget committee. The amendment provides that if the county commissioners change the budget committee's budget, that action is final and may not be overruled by the budget committee. The amendment also strikes from the bill provisions relating to approval of the municipal services budget for unorganized territories in Somerset County.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**