

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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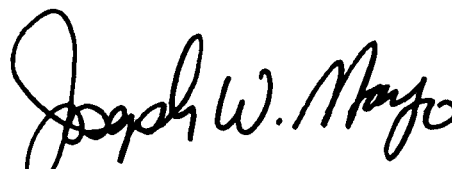
House of Representatives, June 30, 1995

**An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reported by Representative AHEARNE from the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 582 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2           **Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local  
4 units of government to expand or modify activities so as to  
6 necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does  
8 not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures.  
Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21,  
two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have  
determined it necessary to enact this measure.

10           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not  
12 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

14           **Whereas,** it has become necessary to revise the salaries of  
certain county officials; and

16           **Whereas,** it is desired to have these revisions retroactive  
18 to January 1, 1995; and

20           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
22 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
24 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

28           **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2, sub-§1-B,** as corrected by RR 1993, c. 2,  
§25, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

30           **1-B. County officers' salaries.** Notwithstanding other  
32 sections of this chapter, counties that are not required to  
obtain legislative approval of their budgets under section 702  
34 are not required to obtain legislative approval of the salaries  
of county officers under this section. The county commissioners,  
36 treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, registers of probate and  
registers of deeds in those counties whose budgets require  
38 legislative approval under section 702 are entitled to receive in  
weekly, biweekly or monthly payments annual salaries from the  
county treasury as follows:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
42 <u>A. Androscoggin County:</u>		
44 <u>(1) Commissioners</u>		
46 <u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$6,536</u>	<u>\$6,536</u>
48 <u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,595</u>	<u>5,595</u>

2	(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>21,007</u>	<u>21,007</u>
4	(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>30,955</u>	<u>30,955</u>
6	(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,689</u>	<u>12,689</u>
8	(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>10,712</u>
10	(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>27,495</u>	<u>27,495</u>
12	<u>B. Kennebec County:</u>		
14	(1) <u>Commissioners</u>		
16	(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$7,152</u>	<u>\$7,438</u>
18	(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>6,744</u>	<u>7,014</u>
20	(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>9,452</u>	<u>9,452</u>
22	(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>34,196</u>	<u>35,906</u>
24	(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>17,510</u>	<u>18,210</u>
26	(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>23,030</u>	<u>23,951</u>
28	(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>24,102</u>	<u>25,066</u>
30	<u>C. Penobscot County:</u>		
32	(1) <u>Commissioners</u>		
34	(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$8,496</u>	<u>\$8,752</u>
36	(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>8,109</u>	<u>8,353</u>
38	(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>3,848</u>	<u>3,963</u>
40	(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>40,111</u>
42	(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>22,729</u>	<u>23,412</u>
44	(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>23,299</u>	<u>23,999</u>
46	(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>22,146</u>
48	<u>D. Piscataquis County:</u>		
50	(1) <u>Commissioners</u>		

2	(a) Chair	\$6,090	\$6,090
4	(b) Members	5,250	5,250
6	(2) Treasurer	6,930	6,930
8	(3) Sheriff	29,400	29,400
10	(4) Judge of Probate	14,516	14,516
12	(5) Register of Probate	17,102	17,102
14	(6) Register of Deeds	18,900	18,900

16 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to  
January 1, 1995.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
20 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved and applies  
retroactively to January 1, 1995.

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 The increase of certain salaries will increase the operating  
26 costs of several counties. The amounts can not be estimated at  
this time. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote  
28 of all members elected to each house exempts the State from the  
constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local  
30 costs.

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill amends the 1995 salaries of county officers.

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