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No. 1615

S.P. 611

In Senate, December 8, 1995

An Act to Amend the Piscataquis County Budget Process.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 6, 1995. Referred to the Committee
on State and Local Government and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOULD of Greenville,
ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §821, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

§821. Purpose

The purpose of this article is to establish in Piscataquis County a method of appropriating money for county expenditures, including expenditures for municipal services in the unorganized territory, according to a budget, which ~~shall--first~~ must be reviewed by a budget committee and ~~shall then be approved by the Legislature.~~ This article amends the statutory method in sections 701 and 702 by creating a committee with authority to review the budget and make recommendations to the county commissioners. ~~The--Legislature--has--authority--to--approve--and amend--the--budget.~~ This article applies only to Piscataquis County.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §825, sub-§§3, 6 and 7, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, are repealed.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §825, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

8. Assessment of taxes. The budget ~~as--approved--by--the Legislature~~ is the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes. The budget shall must be sent to the county commissioners and the county tax authorized shall must be apportioned and collected in accordance with section 706. The budget for the unorganized territories shall must be sent to the State as provided by section 7503.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §826, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

§826. Budget amendments

The approved budget shall govern the expenditures of the county during the fiscal year. No expenses may be incurred in excess of those shown in the approved budget, but the budget may be from time to time revised by the preparation of a proposed amended budget by the county commissioners. This proposed amended budget shall must be submitted to the county budget committee for review. Any recommendations by this committee must be submitted within 10 calendar days. ~~After--receiving--the recommendation of the budget committee,--the county commissioners shall--forward--the--proposed--revised--budget--to--the--legislative delegation--for--approval.--The--delegation--has--10--calendar--days--to render--a--decision--on--the--proposed--revision.--Failure--of--the~~

2 delegation--to--render--a--decision--within--the--specified--time--is
considered--an--approval--of--the--revision,---If--the--delegation
disapproves--of--the--revision,--the--procedure--of--section--825,
4 subsection-6,--shall-be-followed.--The-county-commissioners-shall
submit--the--proposed-revised-budget--to--the--Legislature--for
6 approval,--disapproval-or-amendment,--If-approved,--the-Legislature
shall-transmit-a-report-of-approval-of-a-revised-budget-to-the
8 State-Auditor-within-15-days-of-that-approval.

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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill amends the Piscataquis County budget process to
14 remove legislative involvement.