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An Act to Establish the Penobscot County Budget Committee.

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.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, MICHAUD of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, HICHBORN of Lagrange, LANE of Enfield, LUMBRA of Bangor, PLOWMAN of Hampden, REED of Dexter, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 14 is enacted to read:
ARTICLE 14
PENOBSCOT COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
§900-F. Definitions
As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
1. Budget committee. "Budget committee" means the Penobscot County Budget Committee.
2. Municipal officials. "Municipal officials" means any elected member of a municipal government in Penobscot County.
§900-G. Budget; appropriations and approval
Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and 702, in Penobscot County the county commissioners may appropriate money, according to a
budget that must be prepared and finalized in accordance with this article.
§900-H. Budget committee
There is established the Penobscot County Budget Committee
to carry out the purposes of this article.
1. Membership. The budget committee consists of 15 members. Three members are elected from each commissioner
district as provided in this subsection, and each county
commissioner shall appoint one municipal official and one Legislator from the commissioner's district.
2. Municipal official elections. Before September 30th of every year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal
officials to caucus by county commissioner district at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing 3
municipal officials from each district as members of the county budget committee. Each county commissioner shall serve as
nonvoting moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be received from the floor. The 3 nominees receiving the most
votes are the budget advisory committee members. The names of those elected by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the
county commissioners.

	3. Term; vacancy; replacement, Budget committee members
2	serve 2-year terms. If a budget advisory committee member ceases
	to be a municipal official during the term of membership, the
4	committee member vacates membership and a replacement must be
	appointed by the county commissioner from the district in which
6	the vacancy occurred.
8	§900-I. Budget process
10	1. Public hearing. The Penobscot County commissioners
	shall hold one or more public hearings on the budget at times
12	convenient for the residents of the county and before November
	<u>lst of each year.</u>
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	2. Budget: submission to budget committee. The Penobscot
16	County commissioners shall submit a budget for the coming year to
1.0	the budget committee no later than November 1st of each year.
18	The budget committee shall review the budget and make additions or deletions to the budget by a majority vote of the committee.
20	The budget must be presented to the county commissioners by
20	December 1st of each year. The county commissioners shall act on
22	the budget no later than December 15th of the year preceding the
	budget year. If the adopted budget is changed by the county
24	commissioners, the budget committee may reject that change by a
	4/5 vote of its membership no later than December 31st of that
26	year. Those actions are final and not subject to further action
	by either the county commissioners or the budget committee.
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	3. Final budget; filing. A copy of the final budget must
30	be filed, on forms approved by the Department of Audit, with the
	State Auditor, who shall retain them for 3 years.
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2.4	4. Interim budget. If the budget is not approved before
34	the start of the fiscal year, the county must operate on an
36	interim budget that does not exceed the budget of the previous
30	year until a final budget is adopted.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill establishes the Penobscot County Budget Committee.

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