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S.P. 703

In Senate, February 20, 1996

An Act Concerning the Number of Washington County Commissioners.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CASSIDY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, DRISCOLL of Calais, LAYTON
of Cherryfield, LOOK of Jonesboro.

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

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PART A

Sec. A-1. Special advisory referendum on the reapportionment of Washington County Commissioner Districts. The municipal officers of Washington County shall, at the next general election in the month of November following the passage of this Act, hold a special advisory referendum to determine the sentiment of the people of Washington County on the reapportionment of Washington County into 5 County Commissioner Districts.

Sec. A-2. Advisory referendum procedure; submission at general election. This advisory referendum must be submitted to the legal voters of Washington County at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of Washington County shall notify the inhabitants of their cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to give their opinion on this question by voting on the following:

"Do you favor the reapportionment of Washington County to increase the number of County Commissioner Districts from 3 Districts to 5 Districts?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation in Washington County shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings. The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal officers of Washington County and due certificate must be filed by the municipal officers with the Secretary of State.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 30-A MRSA §66, sub-§15, as amended by PL 1995, c. 501, §1, is further amended to read:

15. Creation of Washington County Commissioner Districts. Washington County is divided into the following 3 districts.

A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of the municipalities of Alexander, Baileyville, Baring Plantation, Calais, Charlotte, Codyville Plantation, Cooper, Crawford, Danforth, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, Meddybemps, Princeton, Robbinston, Talmadge, Topsfield, Waite and Vanceboro, Indian Township and the unorganized territory of North Washington. The term of office of the commissioner

2 from this district expires in 1988 and every 4 years
thereafter.

4 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of the
6 municipalities of Beddington, Centerville, Cutler, Deblois,
8 Dennysville, East Machias, Eastport, Lubec, Machiasport,
10 Marshfield, Northfield, Pembroke, Perry, Wesley, Whiting and
12 Whitneyville, Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Indian
Reservation and the unorganized territories of East Central
Washington and North Washington. The term of office of the
commissioner from this district expires in 1988 and every 4
years thereafter.

14 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of the
16 municipalities of Addison, Beals, Cherryfield, Columbia,
18 Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias,
20 Milbridge, Roque Bluffs and Steuben. The term of office of
the commissioner from this district expires in 1990 and
every 4 years thereafter.

22 ~~In addition to the commissioners from the districts specified in~~
~~paragraphs A, B and C, 2 commissioners must be elected at large.~~
24 ~~The terms of office of the at large commissioners expire in 1998~~
~~and every 4 years thereafter.~~

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill asks the voters of Washington County whether the
county should be reapportioned to increase the number of county
commissioners from the current 3 to 5. The bill also repeals the
2 at-large county commissioner positions created in 1995.