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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 20, L.D. 12, Bill, "An Act to Change the Selection Process of the Oxford County Budget Committee"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §892, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 204, §2, is amended to read:

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2. Municipal officer elections. Before September 15th of every year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers to caucus by county commissioner district at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing 2 municipal officers from each district as members of the county budget advisory committee. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be received from the floor. The 2 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. When the district meeting fails to produce 2 budget committee member nominees, the county commissioner of the district may appoint a municipal officer from that district to each vacant seat within 10 days of the district caucus. The county commissioner shall include notice of this appointment provision in the original notice to convene the caucus if the commissioner plans to exercise the appointment authority granted in this subsection. A municipality may not at any time have more than one representative serving on the budget advisory committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R. 43

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2 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to appointments made
4 after the effective date of this Act. Budget advisory committee
6 members as of the effective date of this Act may serve out the
remainder of their terms.'

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SUMMARY

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12 This amendment clarifies the intent of the original bill by
14 amending the Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee selection
16 process to allow county commissioners to fill by appointment
18 vacant budget committee seats in their respective districts in
20 the event that the annual district caucus fails to produce at
least 2 qualified budget committee members. The amendment also
requires a county commissioner to give notice if the commissioner
exercises budget advisory committee appointment authority. It
also prohibits a municipality from having more than one
representative serving on the budget advisory committee
simultaneously.