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S.P. 312

In Senate, February 3, 1999

**An act to Change the Composition of the Somerset County Budget
Committee.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §896**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 359, §1, is
further amended to read:

6 **§896. Membership**

8 The budget committee consists of 9 10 voting members ~~and 3~~
~~nonvoting-members~~ selected as follows.

10 **1. Municipal representatives.** Prior to September 15th each
12 year, municipal officers within each commissioner district shall
caucus and elect members from that district for terms as provided
14 in paragraph A. There must be 3 members from each commissioner
district, 2 of whom are municipal officers and one of whom is a
16 municipal official as defined in section 2001. No more than one
member may represent the same municipality at one time.

18 **A. Members serve for 3-year terms**, except that initially
20 each district caucus selects one member for a one-year term,
one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year
22 term. If a budget committee member ceases to be a municipal
officer or official during the term of membership, that
24 member shall resign the membership and the next district
caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer or official
26 to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired
term.

28 **2. Legislative member.** ~~By September 15th each year, except~~
30 ~~beginning in 1996, by~~ December 1st every ~~other~~ even-numbered
year, the Somerset County legislative delegation shall meet and
32 select 3 of the delegation's members from among them a Legislator
to serve as ~~nonvoting-members~~ as a voting member of the budget
34 committee for the ensuing 2 years. The meeting must be called by
the State Senator who represents the largest number of voters
36 within the county as tallied in the most recent election. Such a
meeting must also be called at any other time when necessary to
38 fill a vacancy in the position of voting member of the budget
committee.

40 **3. Budget committee chair.** The budget committee shall
42 select its own chair each year.

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This bill eliminates the 3 Legislator advisory, nonvoting
48 members of the Somerset County Budget Committee and includes a
single Legislator who serves as a voting member of the committee.