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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 716, L.D. 1006, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Citizen Participation in the Hancock County Budget"

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 227, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Budget committee membership; election; term. ~~The municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget advisory committee members by the following procedure.~~ The budget advisory committee consists of 10 members, 3 members from each commissioner district selected as provided for in this section and a member of the Hancock County legislative delegation. Of the 3 members from each commissioner district, 2 must be municipal officers in the district and one must be either a municipal officer in the district or a member of the public who is a resident of the commissioner district.

A. Before September 15th of every year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the county and the public to caucus by county commissioner districts at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing at least either one municipal officer or one representative of the public from each district as a

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2 member of the budget advisory committee. The county
3 commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that
4 district caucus. Nominations for either the municipal
5 officer member or the public member must be received from
6 the floor. The nominee for the category of member being
7 chosen receiving the most votes is approved as a budget
8 advisory committee member. The names of those elected by
9 the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the county
10 commissioners.

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12 B. Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms and
13 no more than one member from each municipality may serve at
14 a time. If a budget advisory committee member who is
15 elected as a municipal officer member ceases to be a
16 municipal officer during the term of membership, that
17 committee member vacates membership and the next district
18 caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to serve
19 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

20 C. The county commissioners shall give public notice of the
21 commissioner district caucuses at which budget advisory
22 committee members are to be elected in the manner provided
23 for town meetings in chapter 121.'
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25 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
26 summary the following:

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29 **FISCAL NOTE**

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31 The requirements that the size of the Hancock County Budget
32 Advisory Committee be increased and that public notice of
33 caucuses be given represent state mandates pursuant to the
34 Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs associated
35 with these requirements are expected to be minor. Unless General
36 Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the
37 additional costs or a mandate preamble is added to the bill and
38 2/3 of the members of each House vote to exempt these mandates
39 from the funding requirement, the county may not be required to
40 implement these changes.'

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43 **SUMMARY**

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45 This amendment amends the original bill to allow voters at
46 annual county commissioner district caucuses to elect either a
47 municipal officer or a member of the public as a member of the
48 Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee. It also requires the
49 county commissioners to give public notice of the commissioner
50 district caucuses. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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