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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 758, L.D. 1048, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Budget Process"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Membership. The budget committee shall---consist consists of 9 11 members, 3 members from each commissioner district selected as provided in this section and 2 members of the Androscoggin County legislative delegation elected by the legislative delegation. The members from the Androscoggin County legislative delegation may vote on committee matters. The county commissioners shall serve on the committee in an advisory capacity only and may not vote on any committee matters.

In 1989, and every 3rd year thereafter, at least 90 days before the end of the fiscal year, the 9 11 members shall-be are elected by the following procedure.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

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'Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §723, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. The Androscoggin County legislative delegation shall caucus and choose its 2 budget committee members for a term to be set by the delegation.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 4 by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

'A legislative vacancy occurring on the budget committee must be filled by the Androscoggin County legislative delegation for the balance of the unexpired term.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the size of the Androscoggin County budget committee to be increased by 2 members of the Androscoggin County legislative delegation. The additional costs of this state mandate are expected to be minor. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the original bill by requiring that the 2 legislative members of the budget committee be elected by the Androscoggin County legislative delegation and that any vacancy in legislative seats on the budget committee be filled by the Androscoggin County legislative delegation. It also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note.