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H.P. 865

House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

An Act to Change the Budget Approval Procedures for Somerset County.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, TRACY of Rome.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §896, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Quorum. A quorum exists when a majority of elected
voting members are present.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §897, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
10 582, §1, is amended to read:

12 A. The county commissioners may not further increase,
14 decrease, alter or revise the budget adopted by the budget
committee except by unanimous vote of the county
16 commissioners. ~~If the adopted budget is changed by the
county commissioners, the budget committee may reject that
change by a 2/3 vote of its membership.~~ The budget is final
18 and not subject to further action by either the county
commissioners or the budget committee upon success or
20 failure of the commissioners to unanimously recommend
changes in the budget transmitted from the budget committee
22 ~~or upon acceptance or rejection of changes by the budget
committee.~~

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires a majority of elected voting members of
28 the Somerset County Budget Advisory Committee to be present to
constitute a quorum. This bill also gives the Somerset County
30 Commissioners final say on the Somerset County budget.