

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1876

S.P. 654

In Senate, March 16, 1999

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### An Act to Reform County Governance.

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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.

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

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**CONCEPT DRAFT  
SUMMARY**

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8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.  
10 This bill seeks to reform county government by amending the Maine  
12 Revised Statutes, Title 30-A to create a uniform structure for  
14 county governments. Elements of the bill would include:

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1. Increasing the number of commissioners;

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2. Making the commissioner districts uniform in size within  
16 the county;

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3. Staggering the terms of the commissioners; and

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4. Authorizing the commissioners to appoint the following:

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A. The sheriff;

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B. The register of deeds;

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C. The register of probate;

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D. The county treasurer; and

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E. The Judge of Probate.