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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

H.P. 427 House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

An Act to Repeal the Requirement that the Kennebec County Budget be Approved by the Legislature.

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

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Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, GREEN of Monmouth, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, TRACY of Rome.

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

- Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA $\S864$, sub- $\S4$, as amended by PL 1991, c. 533, $\S7$ and affected by $\S10$, is further amended to read:
- Approval of budget. After the public hearings are completed, the advisory budget committee shall adopt a final budget and submit its-recommendations that budget to the county commissioners for approval not later than the end of the county's 10 fiscal year, subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed in subsection 2. The county commissioners may not revise the 12 budget adopted by the advisory budget committee except by unanimous vote of the county commissioners. If the adopted 14 budget is changed by the county commissioners, the advisory budget committee may reject that change by a 2/3 vote of its 16 membership. Those actions are final and are not subject to further action by either the county commissioners or the advisory budget committee. 18
 - Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §864, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 533, §8 and affected by §10, is repealed.

24 SUMMARY

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This bill repeals the requirement that the budget for Kennebec County be submitted to the Legislature for approval.

Instead, this bill requires that the Kennebec County Advisory Budget Committee submit a final budget to the county commissioners who may change the budget only by the unanimous vote of the county commissioners. The changes made by the county commissioners may be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the advisory budget committee.