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H.P. 666

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

An Act to Amend the Budget Process for Sagadahoc County.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LESSARD of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, GERZOFKY of Brunswick,
HUTTON of Bowdoinham, LANDRY of Patten, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §881**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 513, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§881. Budget; appropriations; approval**

8 **1. Appropriate money.** Notwithstanding sections 2, 701 and
10 702, in Sagadahoc County the county commissioners may appropriate
money according to a budget that must be approved by a majority
12 of the county commissioners.

14 **2. Increase.** Commencing with the budget year 2002,
16 whenever there is an increase in the budget of 10% or more over
the previous year's budget, the county commissioners shall submit
18 the budget to the voters for approval at least 45 days before the
end of the county's fiscal year.

20 **3. Exclusion.** The cost of establishing and maintaining the
22 Sagadahoc County public safety answering point may not be a part
of the county budget.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires the county commissioners of Sagadahoc
28 County to submit any increase in a budget of 10% or more over the
previous year's budget to the voters for approval. This bill
30 also prohibits the inclusion of maintaining the Sagadahoc County
public safety answering point as part of the overall county
budget.