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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 324, L.D. 416, Bill, "An Act To Amend the County Contingent Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §922, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 343, §1, is further amended to read:

2. **Contingent fund.** There is established a contingent account in each county in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually the greater of 1.5% of the annual county budget or \$100,000, except in Sagadahoc County, where the contingent account may not exceed 4% of the annual budget. ~~Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a county, by unanimous action of the county commissioners, may increase the contingent account limit to an amount not exceeding \$100,000.~~ Any funds that are available to each county may be used for this purpose. ~~This~~ The contingent fund may be used at the discretion of the county commissioners for emergency purposes only, ~~except that if a county increases the contingent account limit, expenditures from the account above \$50,000 must be approved by a majority of the county budget or finance committee if the county's budget is not finally approved by the Legislature.~~ At the end of each fiscal year there must be transferred from unencumbered county funds an amount sufficient to restore the established county contingent account.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report. It changes the cap on the contingent fund from \$50,000 to the greater of 1.5% of the annual county budget or \$100,000. It retains the exception to this cap for Sagadahoc County, which remains 4% of the annual budget.

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