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House of Representatives, February 11, 2003

**An Act Concerning the Status of the Maine County Commissioners'
Association and the Maine Sheriffs' Association as County Advisory
Organizations**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, LESSARD of
Topsham, MUSE of Fryeburg, SUSLOVIC of Portland, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of
Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §909** is enacted to read:

6 **§909. County advisory organizations**

8 A county may raise or appropriate money to obtain the
10 services of advisory organizations. The Legislature recognizes
12 the Maine County Commissioners' Association and the Maine
14 Sheriffs' Association as nonprofit advisory organizations and
16 declares these associations to be instrumentalities of their
member counties with their assets upon their dissolution to be
delivered to the Secretary of State to be held in custody for the
counties of the State. An advisory organization may receive
federal grants or contributions for their activities with respect
to the solution of county problems.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows counties to expend funds in order to obtain
22 the services of the Maine County Commissioners' Association and
24 the Maine Sheriffs' Association as nonprofit advisory
26 organizations and designates these associations as
28 instrumentalities of their member counties. Upon dissolution,
30 the assets of these organizations would be delivered to the
Secretary of State to be held in custody for the counties of the
State. This is the same recognition that Maine law gives the
Maine Municipal Association and the Maine School Management
Association in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections
5722 and 5724.