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In Senate, April 18, 2019

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Nominations of County  
Commissioners, the Terms of County Commissioners and County  
Commissioner Districts**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: FECTION of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §365, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **2. County committee.** A county committee makes choices for all county offices ~~and~~  
5 ~~committee~~ except for the office of county commissioner, the choice for which is made by  
6 committee members residing within the respective commissioner district. Committee  
7 members residing within senatorial districts make choices for State Senator.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §63**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 683, §4, is further amended  
9 to read:

10 **§63. Vacancies during other times**

11 When no choice is effected or a vacancy happens in the office of county  
12 commissioner by death, resignation, removal from the county, permanent incapacity or  
13 for any other reason, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next  
14 biennial election. That person shall hold office until the first day of January following the  
15 next biennial election at which a person is must be elected to fill the office, and, if a  
16 portion of the initial term of office remains unexpired at the time of the next biennial  
17 election, the election for that county commissioner must be conducted within the district  
18 boundaries that existed when the initial election of county commissioner for that term  
19 was conducted.

20 In the case of a vacancy in the term of a commissioner who was nominated by  
21 primary election before the general election, the commissioner appointed by the Governor  
22 must be enrolled in the same political party as the commissioner whose term is vacant. In  
23 making the appointment, the Governor shall choose from any recommendations  
24 submitted by the members of the county committee of the political party from which the  
25 appointment is to be made who reside within the district boundaries that existed when the  
26 initial election of county commissioner for that term was conducted.

27 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §65, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

28 **4. Effective date of apportionment plan.** For an apportionment plan of county  
29 commissioner districts under subsection 1 established in 2021 and for an apportionment  
30 plan established every 20th year thereafter, the districts take effect for the election of  
31 county commissioners beginning with the election to be held the first Tuesday after the  
32 first Monday in November of 2022 and every 20th year thereafter. For an apportionment  
33 plan of county commissioner districts under subsection 1 established in 2031 and for an  
34 apportionment plan established every 20th year thereafter, the districts take effect for the  
35 election of county commissioners beginning with the election to be held the first Tuesday  
36 after the first Monday in November of 2034 and every 20th year thereafter.

37 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §66-B**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 457, §§14 to 16, is further  
38 amended to read:

1           **§66-B. County commissioner districts**

2           **1. Creation of Androscoggin County Commissioner Districts.** Androscoggin  
3 County is divided into the following 7 districts.

4           A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
5 following census units in the minor civil division of Lewiston: Tract 020100; Blocks  
6 1012, 1013, 1015, 1016, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 of Tract 020200; Blocks  
7 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 2002, 2003, 2004,  
8 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020,  
9 2021, 2022, 2023, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009,  
10 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006,  
11 4007, 4008, 4009, 4010 and 4011 of Tract 020300; Tract 020400; Blocks 1008, 1009,  
12 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 2000,  
13 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,  
14 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003,  
15 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016,  
16 3017, 3018, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031 and 3032 of Tract  
17 020500; Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010,  
18 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023,  
19 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2058 of Tract  
20 020600; Blocks 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 of Tract 020700; and Block 1034  
21 of Tract 020800. The term of office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district  
22 expires in ~~2014~~ 2020, and an election must be held in ~~2014~~ 2020 to fill the office for  
23 a 2-year term, expiring in ~~2016~~ 2022. The term of office ~~for~~ of the ~~county~~  
24 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

25           B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
26 following census units in the minor civil division of Lewiston: Blocks 1000, 1001,  
27 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1014, 2000, 2001,  
28 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 of Tract  
29 020200; Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010,  
30 1015, 1016, 1023, 2000, 2001, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2024 of Tract 020300; Blocks  
31 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006 and 1007 of Tract 020500; Blocks 1000,  
32 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013,  
33 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026,  
34 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,  
35 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,  
36 2017, 2018, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010,  
37 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014 and 3015 of Tract 020700; Blocks 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,  
38 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 4012,  
39 4013, 4015, 4016, 4017 and 4018 of Tract 020800; and Tract 020900. The term of  
40 office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4  
41 years thereafter.

42           C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
43 minor civil divisions of Durham and Greene; and the following census units in the  
44 minor civil division of Lewiston: Blocks 3019, 3020, 3021 and 3022 of Tract  
45 020500; Blocks 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,

1 2011, 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029,  
2 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042,  
3 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055,  
4 2056, 2057, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069,  
5 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078 and 2079 of Tract 020600;  
6 and Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010,  
7 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023,  
8 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1037,  
9 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,  
10 3012, 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006, 4007, 4008, 4009, 4010, 4011,  
11 4014, 4019, 4020, 4021, 4022, 4023, 4024 and 4025 of Tract 020800. The term of  
12 office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4  
13 years thereafter.

14 D. Commissioner District Number 4, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
15 minor civil divisions of Lisbon, Sabattus and Wales. The term of office of the ~~county~~  
16 commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
17 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
18 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

19 E. Commissioner District Number 5, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
20 following census units in the minor civil division of Auburn: Tract 010100; Blocks  
21 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012,  
22 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006,  
23 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,  
24 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 3052,  
25 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3064, 3066,  
26 3068, 3069 and 3070 of Tract 010200; Tract 010300; Tract 010400; Tract 010500;  
27 Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011,  
28 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
29 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2015 of Tract 010600; Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004,  
30 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1020, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026,  
31 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039 and 2040 of Tract 010700; and Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002,  
32 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015,  
33 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021 and 1022 of Tract 010800. The term of office of  
34 the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years  
35 thereafter.

36 F. Commissioner District Number 6, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
37 following census units in the minor civil division of Auburn: Blocks 2003, 2004,  
38 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3012,  
39 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3024, 3025,  
40 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3032, 3033, 3034, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038,  
41 3039, 3040, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3044, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3050, 3051,  
42 3065, 3067 and 3071 of Tract 010200; Blocks 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017,  
43 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030,  
44 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043,  
45 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056,  
46 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069,

1 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082,  
2 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095,  
3 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100 and 2101 of Tract 010600; Blocks 1013, 1014, 1015,  
4 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1021, 1022, 1027, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005,  
5 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018,  
6 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031,  
7 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049,  
8 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062,  
9 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074 and 2075  
10 of Tract 010700; and Blocks 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008,  
11 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,  
12 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034,  
13 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046 and 2047  
14 of Tract 010800; and the minor civil divisions of Mechanic Falls and Poland. The  
15 term of office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and  
16 an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022.  
17 The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years  
18 thereafter.

19 G. Commissioner District Number 7, in the County of Androscoggin, consists of the  
20 minor civil divisions of Leeds, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Minot and Turner. The  
21 term of office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and  
22 every 4 years thereafter.

23 **2. Creation of Aroostook County Commissioner Districts.** Aroostook County is  
24 divided into the following 3 districts.

25 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Aroostook, consists of the  
26 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Amity, Bancroft, Blaine,  
27 Bridgewater, Cary, Central Aroostook, Crystal, Dyer Brook, Easton, Fort Fairfield,  
28 Glenwood, Hammond, Haynesville, Hersey, Hodgdon, Houlton, Island Falls,  
29 Linneus, Littleton, Ludlow, Macwahoc, Mars Hill, Merrill, Monticello, Moro, New  
30 Limerick, Oakfield, Orient, Oxbow, Reed, Sherman, Smyrna, South Aroostook and  
31 Weston and the following census unit of the Penobscot River: Block 4293 of Tract  
32 952900. The term of office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this district expires in  
33 ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

34 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Aroostook, consists of the  
35 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Ashland, Caribou, Castle Hill,  
36 Chapman, Garfield, Mapleton, Masardis, Northwest Aroostook, Presque Isle,  
37 Washburn and Westfield. The term of office of the ~~county~~ commissioner from this  
38 district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office  
39 for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this  
40 district expires every 4 years thereafter.

41 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Aroostook, consists of the  
42 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Allagash, Caswell, Connor  
43 Township, Cyr, Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Hamlin, Limestone,  
44 Madawaska, Nashville, New Canada, New Sweden, Perham, Portage Lake, Square  
45 Lake, St. Agatha, St. Francis, St. John, Stockholm, Van Buren, Wade, Wallagrass,

1 Westmanland, Winterville and Woodland. The term of office of the county  
2 commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
3 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
4 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

5 **3. Creation of Cumberland County Commissioner Districts.** Cumberland County  
6 is divided into the following 5 districts.

7 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Cumberland, consists of the  
8 minor civil divisions of Baldwin, Bridgton, Gorham, Scarborough, Sebago and  
9 Standish. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~  
10 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
11 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
12 every 4 years thereafter.

13 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Cumberland, consists of the  
14 minor civil divisions of Casco, Falmouth, Frye Island, Gray, Harrison, Naples, New  
15 Gloucester, Raymond and Windham. The term of office of the commissioner from  
16 this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the  
17 office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
18 from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

19 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Cumberland, consists of the  
20 minor civil divisions of Brunswick, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Freeport,  
21 Harpswell, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Pownal and Yarmouth. The term of office  
22 of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years  
23 thereafter.

24 D. Commissioner District Number 4, in the County of Cumberland, consists of the  
25 minor civil division of Cape Elizabeth; the following census units in the minor civil  
26 division of Portland: Tract 002101; Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005,  
27 1006, 1029, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017,  
28 2018 and 2044 of Tract 002102; and Blocks 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005,  
29 1006, 1007, 1008, 1016, 1019, 2000 and 2001 of Tract 002200; and the minor civil  
30 divisions of South Portland and Westbrook. The term of office of the commissioner  
31 from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

32 E. Commissioner District Number 5, in the County of Cumberland, consists of the  
33 following census units in the minor civil division of Portland: Tract 000100; Tract  
34 000200; Tract 000300; Tract 000500; Tract 000600; Tract 001000; Tract 001100;  
35 Tract 001200; Tract 001300; Tract 001500; Tract 001700; Tract 001800; Tract  
36 001900; Tract 002001; Tract 002002; Blocks 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012,  
37 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025,  
38 1026, 1027, 1028, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 2000, 2007,  
39 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026,  
40 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039,  
41 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2045, 2046, 2047, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005,  
42 3006 and 3007 of Tract 002102; Blocks 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015,  
43 1017, 1018, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
44 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,

1 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031 and 2032 of Tract  
2 002200; Tract 002300; Tract 002400; and Blocks 0006, 0007, 0012, 0017, 0018,  
3 0019, 0021, 0022, 0023, 0024, 0026 and 0027 of Tract 990000. The term of office of  
4 the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

5 **4. Creation of Franklin County Commissioner Districts.** Franklin County is  
6 divided into the following 3 districts.

7 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Franklin, consists of the minor  
8 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Carthage, Jay, South Franklin, Temple  
9 and Wilton. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~  
10 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
11 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
12 every 4 years thereafter.

13 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Franklin, consists of the minor  
14 civil divisions of Chesterville, Farmington and New Sharon. The term of office of  
15 the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be  
16 held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office  
17 of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

18 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Franklin, consists of the minor  
19 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Avon, Carrabassett Valley, Coplin,  
20 Dallas, East Central Franklin, Eustis, Industry, Kingfield, New Vineyard, North  
21 Franklin, Phillips, Rangeley, Rangeley Plantation, Sandy River, Strong, Weld, West  
22 Central Franklin and Wyman Township. The term of office of the commissioner  
23 from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

24 **5. Creation of Hancock County Commissioner Districts.** Hancock County is  
25 divided into the following 3 districts.

26 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Hancock, consists of the  
27 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Amherst, Aurora, Blue Hill,  
28 Central Hancock, East Hancock, Eastbrook, Ellsworth, Gouldsboro, Great Pond,  
29 Mariaville, Northwest Hancock, Osborn, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Surry, Waltham  
30 and Winter Harbor. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
31 in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
32 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
33 every 4 years thereafter.

34 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Hancock, consists of the  
35 minor civil divisions of Brooklin, Brooksville, Bucksport, Castine, Dedham, Deer  
36 Isle, Orland, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Stonington and Verona Island. The term of office  
37 of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years  
38 thereafter.

39 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Hancock, consists of the  
40 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles,  
41 Franklin, Frenchboro, Hancock, Lamoine, Marshall Island, Mount Desert, Southwest  
42 Harbor, Swan's Island, Tremont and Trenton. The term of office of the commissioner  
43 from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill



1 the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
2 from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

3 **6. Creation of Kennebec County Commissioner Districts.** Kennebec County is  
4 divided into the following 3 districts.

5 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Kennebec, consists of the  
6 minor civil divisions of Augusta, Chelsea, China, Manchester, Sidney, Vassalboro  
7 and Windsor. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in  
8 2016 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
9 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
10 every 4 years thereafter.

11 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Kennebec, consists of the  
12 minor civil divisions of Farmingdale, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Litchfield,  
13 Monmouth, Mount Vernon, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Vienna, Wayne, West  
14 Gardiner and Winthrop. The term of office of the commissioner from this district  
15 expires in 2014 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

16 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Kennebec, consists of the  
17 minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Albion, Belgrade, Benton,  
18 Clinton, Oakland, Rome, Unity Township, Waterville and Winslow. The term of  
19 office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2016 2020, and an election  
20 must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term  
21 of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

22 **7. Creation of Knox County Commissioner Districts.** Knox County is divided  
23 into the following 3 districts.

24 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Knox, consists of the minor  
25 civil divisions of Owls Head, Rockland, South Thomaston and Thomaston. The term  
26 of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2014 2022 and every 4  
27 years thereafter.

28 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Knox, consists of the minor  
29 civil divisions of Cushing, Friendship, St. George, Union, Warren and Washington.  
30 The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2016 2020, and  
31 an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022.  
32 The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years  
33 thereafter.

34 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Knox, consists of the minor  
35 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Appleton, Camden, Criehaven, Hope,  
36 Isle au Haut, Matinicus Isle, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Rockport and  
37 Vinalhaven. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2016  
38 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
39 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
40 every 4 years thereafter.

41 **8. Creation of Lincoln County Commissioner Districts.** Lincoln County is  
42 divided into the following 3 districts.

1 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Lincoln, consists of the minor  
2 civil divisions of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, Southport, Westport Island  
3 and Wiscasset. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in  
4 2016 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
5 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
6 every 4 years thereafter.

7 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Lincoln, consists of the minor  
8 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Bremen, Bristol, Louds Island,  
9 Monhegan, Nobleboro, South Bristol and Waldoboro. The term of office of the  
10 commissioner from this district expires in 2014 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

11 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Lincoln, consists of the minor  
12 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Alna, Damariscotta, Dresden, Hibberts  
13 Gore, Jefferson, Newcastle, Somerville and Whitefield. The term of office of the  
14 commissioner from this district expires in 2016 2020, and an election must be held in  
15 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
16 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

17 **9. Creation of Oxford County Commissioner Districts.** Oxford County is divided  
18 into the following 3 districts.

19 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Oxford, consists of the minor  
20 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg,  
21 Greenwood, Hiram, Lovell, Norway, Porter, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Sweden  
22 and Waterford. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in  
23 2016 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
24 expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
25 every 4 years thereafter.

26 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Oxford, consists of the minor  
27 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Andover, Bethel, Byron, Canton,  
28 Dixfield, Gilead, Hanover, Lincoln, Magalloway, Mexico, Milton Township, Newry,  
29 North Oxford, Peru, Roxbury, Rumford and Upton. The term of office of the  
30 commissioner from this district expires in 2016 2020, and an election must be held in  
31 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
32 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

33 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Oxford, consists of the minor  
34 civil divisions of Buckfield, Hartford, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford, Paris, Sumner, West  
35 Paris and Woodstock. The term of office of the commissioner from this district  
36 expires in 2014 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

37 **10. Creation of Penobscot County Commissioner Districts.** Penobscot County is  
38 divided into the following 3 districts.

39 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Penobscot, consists of the  
40 minor civil divisions of Bangor, Brewer, Clifton, Eddington, Holden and Veazie.  
41 The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2016 2020, and  
42 an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022.

1           The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years  
2           thereafter.

3           B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Penobscot, consists of the  
4           minor civil divisions of Carmel, Charleston, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont,  
5           Etna, Exeter, Garland, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Levant,  
6           Newburgh, Newport, Orrington, Plymouth and Stetson. The term of office of the  
7           commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
8           2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
9           commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

10          C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Penobscot, consists of the  
11          minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Alton; Argyle Township;  
12          Bradford; Bradley; Burlington; Carroll; Chester; Drew; East Central Penobscot; East  
13          Millinocket; Edinburg; Enfield; Greenbush; Howland; Kingman Township;  
14          Lagrange; Lakeville; Lee; Lincoln; Lowell; Mattawamkeag; Maxfield; Medway;  
15          Milford; Millinocket; Mount Chase; North Penobscot; Old Town; Orono;  
16          Passadumkeag; Patten; Penobscot Indian Island; Prentiss Township; Seboeis;  
17          Springfield; Stacyville; Twombly Ridge Township, T3R1 NBPP; Webster; Whitney  
18          (Pukakon) Township, T5R1 NBPP; Winn; and Woodville. The term of office of the  
19          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

20          **11. Creation of Piscataquis County Commissioner Districts.** Piscataquis County  
21          is divided into the following 3 districts.

22          A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Piscataquis, consists of the  
23          minor civil divisions of Abbot, Blanchard, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Parkman,  
24          Sangerville, Shirley, Wellington and Willimantic. The term of office of the  
25          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

26          B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Piscataquis, consists of the  
27          minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Atkinson, Bowerbank, Dover-  
28          Foxcroft, Medford, Sebec and Orneville Township. The term of office of the  
29          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
30          2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
31          commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

32          C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Piscataquis, consists of the  
33          minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Beaver Cove, Brownville,  
34          Greenville, Lake View, Milo, Northeast Piscataquis and Northwest Piscataquis. The  
35          term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an  
36          election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022.  
37          The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years  
38          thereafter.

39          **12. Creation of Sagadahoc County Commissioner Districts.** Sagadahoc County is  
40          divided into the following 3 districts.

41          A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Sagadahoc, consists of the  
42          minor civil divisions of Bowdoin and Topsham. The term of office of the  
43          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in

1           2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
2           commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

3           B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Sagadahoc, consists of the  
4           minor civil divisions of Bath and Bowdoinham. The term of office of the  
5           commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

6           C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Sagadahoc, consists of the  
7           minor civil divisions of Arrowsic, Georgetown, Perkins Island, Phippsburg,  
8           Richmond, West Bath and Woolwich. The term of office of the commissioner from  
9           this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the  
10          office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
11          from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

12          **13. Creation of Somerset County Commissioner Districts.** Somerset County is  
13          divided into the following 5 districts.

14          A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Somerset, consists of the  
15          minor civil divisions of Fairfield and Norridgewock. The term of office of the  
16          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
17          2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
18          commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

19          B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Somerset, consists of the  
20          minor civil divisions of Anson, Madison, Mercer, New Portland, Smithfield and  
21          Starks. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~  
22          2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term,  
23          expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires  
24          every 4 years thereafter.

25          C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Somerset, consists of the  
26          minor civil divisions of Cambridge, Detroit, Palmyra, Pittsfield, Ripley and St.  
27          Albans. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~  
28          2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

29          D. Commissioner District Number 4, in the County of Somerset, consists of the  
30          minor civil divisions of Canaan and Skowhegan. The term of office of the  
31          commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

32          E. Commissioner District Number 5, in the County of Somerset, consists of the  
33          minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Athens, Bingham, Brighton,  
34          Caratunk, Central Somerset, Cornville, Dennistown Plantation, Embden, Harmony,  
35          Hartland, Highland, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, Northeast Somerset, Northwest  
36          Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Seboomook Lake, Solon, The Forks and West Forks. The  
37          term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4  
38          years thereafter.

39          **14. Creation of Waldo County Commissioner Districts.** Waldo County is divided  
40          into the following 3 districts.

41          A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of Waldo, consists of the minor  
42          civil divisions of Belfast, Belmont, Islesboro, Lincolnville, Morrill, Northport and

1 Waldo. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2014  
2 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

3 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Waldo, consists of the minor  
4 civil divisions of Frankfort, Jackson, Monroe, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs,  
5 Swanville and Winterport. The term of office of the commissioner from this district  
6 expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a  
7 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner from this  
8 district expires every 4 years thereafter.

9 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of Waldo, consists of the minor  
10 civil divisions of Brooks, Burnham, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Montville, Palermo,  
11 Searsmont, Thorndike, Troy and Unity. The term of office of the commissioner from  
12 this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the  
13 office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
14 from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

15 **15. Creation of Washington County Commissioner Districts.** Washington  
16 County is divided into the following 3 districts.

17 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in Washington County, consists of the minor  
18 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Alexander, Baileyville, Baring,  
19 Beddington, Calais, Charlotte, Codyville, Cooper, Crawford, Danforth, Deblois,  
20 Grand Lake Stream, Marshfield, Meddybemps, North Washington, Northfield,  
21 Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Princeton, Robbinston, Talmadge, Topsfield,  
22 Vanceboro, Waite, Wesley and Whitneyville. The term of office of the commissioner  
23 from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill  
24 the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
25 from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

26 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in Washington County, consists of the minor  
27 civil divisions and unorganized territories of Cutler, Dennysville, East Central  
28 Washington, East Machias, Eastport, Lubec, Machias, Passamaquoddy Pleasant  
29 Point, Pembroke, Perry and Whiting. The term of office of the commissioner from  
30 this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in 2020 to fill the  
31 office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the commissioner  
32 from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

33 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in Washington County, consists of the minor  
34 civil divisions of Addison, Beals, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington,  
35 Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machiasport, Milbridge, Roque Bluffs and Steuben. The term  
36 of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2014 2022 and every 4  
37 years thereafter.

38 **16. Creation of York County Commissioner Districts.** York County is divided  
39 into the following 5 districts.

40 A. Commissioner District Number 1, in the County of York, consists of the minor  
41 civil divisions of Acton, Berwick, Cornish, Lebanon, Limerick, Limington, Newfield,  
42 North Berwick, Parsonsfield and South Berwick. The term of office of the  
43 commissioner from this district expires in 2014 2022 and every 4 years thereafter.

1 B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of York, consists of the minor  
2 civil divisions of Arundel, Biddeford, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. The term of  
3 office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years  
4 thereafter.

5 C. Commissioner District Number 3, in the County of York, consists of the minor  
6 civil divisions of Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Old Orchard Beach and Saco. The term of  
7 office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2014~~ 2022 and every 4 years  
8 thereafter.

9 D. Commissioner District Number 4, in the County of York, consists of the minor  
10 civil divisions of Alfred, Lyman, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro. The term of  
11 office of the commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election  
12 must be held in 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term  
13 of office of the commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

14 E. Commissioner District Number 5, in the County of York, consists of the minor  
15 civil divisions of Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit, Wells and York. The term of office of the  
16 commissioner from this district expires in ~~2016~~ 2020, and an election must be held in  
17 2020 to fill the office for a 2-year term, expiring in 2022. The term of office of the  
18 commissioner from this district expires every 4 years thereafter.

19 **Sec. 5. Term of office of county commissioners.** Notwithstanding the  
20 provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 62, subsection 1, the term of  
21 office of a county commissioner elected in 2020 is 2 years, expiring in 2022.

## 22 SUMMARY

23 This bill amends the provisions regarding the election and appointment of county  
24 commissioners in the following ways:

25 1. It requires that, in the case when a party is eligible to choose a candidate or  
26 nominee for a primary, general or special election for county commissioner by political  
27 committee, the members of the county political committee who reside within the  
28 boundaries of the district subject to the election make the choice of candidate or nominee;

29 2. It clarifies that, in the case of a vacancy during the term of office of a county  
30 commissioner that occurs prior to the general election held in the 2nd year of the term, a  
31 special election must be held to elect a new county commissioner for that district for the  
32 last 2 years of the term, and requires that the election be held within the boundaries that  
33 existed at the time of the original election for that term;

34 3. It requires that when a county commissioner appointed by the Governor to fill a  
35 vacancy must be enrolled in the same political party as the commissioner whose term is  
36 vacant, the Governor is required to choose from any recommendations submitted by the  
37 members of the county committee of the political party from which the appointment is to  
38 be made who reside within the boundaries of the district with the vacancy that existed at  
39 the time of the initial election for that term;

1           4. It requires that, for the apportionment plan of county districts after a decennial  
2 census, the plan take effect on the 2nd year after the decennial census for the year 2020  
3 and every 20 years thereafter and the plan take effect on the 4th year after the decennial  
4 census for the year 2030 and every 20 years thereafter; and

5           5. It amends the provisions creating each county's commissioner districts to eliminate  
6 staggered terms of commissioners so that, beginning in 2022, each 4-year commissioner  
7 term expires in a year in which there is a gubernatorial election.