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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 651, L.D. 895, "An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Apportionment of the Franklin County Commissioner Districts'

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the apportionment commission's recently submitted plan divided Franklin County into 3 county commissioner districts; and

Whereas, the voters of Franklin County voted in favor of dividing Franklin County into 5 county commissioner districts effective on election day in November 2024; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §66-C is enacted to read:

§66-C. Franklin County Commissioner Districts

Franklin County is divided into districts as follows.

1. Effective until November 5, 2024. Until November 5, 2024, Franklin County is divided into the following 3 districts.

A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of the minor civil divisions and unorganized territories of Carthage, Dallas Plantation, Jay, Rangeley Plantation, Sandy

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1 River Plantation, South Franklin, Weld, West Central Franklin and Wilton. The term
2 of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2024.

3 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of the minor civil divisions of
4 Chesterville, Farmington and Temple. The term of office of the commissioner from
5 this district expires in 2024.

6 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of the minor civil divisions and
7 unorganized territories of Avon, Carrabassett Valley, Coplin Plantation, East Central
8 Franklin, Eustis, Industry, Kingfield, New Sharon, New Vineyard, North Franklin,
9 Phillips, Rangeley, Strong and Wyman Township. The term of office of the
10 commissioner from this district expires in 2022, and again in 2024.

11 2. Effective November 5, 2024. Beginning on November 5, 2024, Franklin County is
12 divided into the following 5 districts.

13 A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of the minor civil divisions of Temple
14 and Wilton; and the following census units in the minor civil division of Farmington:
15 Block 4029, Block 4030, Block 4031, Block 4032, Block 4033, Block 4034, Block
16 4035, Block 4037, Block 4038, Block 4039, Block 4040, Block 4041, Block 4042,
17 Block 4043, Block 4044, Block 4045, Block 4046, Block 4047, Block 4048 and Block
18 4049 of Census Tract 9712.01; and Block 2000, Block 2001, Block 2002, Block 2003,
19 Block 2004, Block 2005, Block 2006, Block 2007, Block 2008, Block 2009, Block
20 2010, Block 2011, Block 2012, Block 2013, Block 2014, Block 2015, Block 2016,
21 Block 2017, Block 2018, Block 2019, Block 2020 and Block 2021 of Census Tract
22 9712.02. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2028 and
23 every 4 years thereafter.

24 B. Commissioner District Number 2 consists of the following census units in the minor
25 civil division of Farmington: Block 1000, Block 1001, Block 1002, Block 1003, Block
26 1004, Block 1005, Block 1006, Block 1007, Block 1008, Block 1009, Block 1010,
27 Block 2000, Block 2001, Block 2002, Block 2003, Block 2004, Block 2005, Block
28 2006, Block 2007, Block 3000, Block 3001, Block 3002, Block 3003, Block 3004,
29 Block 3005, Block 3006, Block 3007, Block 3008, Block 3009, Block 3010, Block
30 3011, Block 3012, Block 3013, Block 4000, Block 4001, Block 4002, Block 4003,
31 Block 4004, Block 4005, Block 4006, Block 4007, Block 4008, Block 4009, Block
32 4010, Block 4011, Block 4012, Block 4013, Block 4014, Block 4015, Block 4016,
33 Block 4017, Block 4018, Block 4019, Block 4020, Block 4021, Block 4022, Block
34 4023, Block 4024, Block 4025, Block 4026, Block 4027, Block 4028 and Block 4036
35 of Census Tract 9712.01; and Block 1000, Block 1001, Block 1002, Block 1003, Block
36 1004, Block 1005, Block 1006, Block 1007, Block 1008, Block 1009, Block 1010,
37 Block 1011, Block 1012, Block 1013, Block 1014, Block 1015, Block 1016, Block
38 1017, Block 3000, Block 3001, Block 3002, Block 3003, Block 3004, Block 3005,
39 Block 3006, Block 3007, Block 3008, Block 3009, Block 3010, Block 4000, Block
40 4001, Block 4002, Block 4003, Block 4004, Block 4005, Block 4006, Block 4007,
41 Block 4008, Block 4009, Block 4010, Block 4011, Block 4012, Block 4013, Block
42 4014, Block 4015, Block 4016, Block 4017, Block 4018, Block 4019, Block 4020,
43 Block 4021, Block 4022, Block 4023, Block 4024, Block 4025, Block 4026, Block
44 4027, Block 4028, Block 4029 and Block 4030 of Census Tract 9712.02. The term of
45 office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2028 and every 4 years
46 thereafter.

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1 C. Commissioner District Number 3 consists of the minor civil divisions and
2 unorganized territories of Avon, Carthage, Coplin Plantation, Eustis, North Franklin,
3 Phillips, Rangeley, Rangeley Plantation, Sandy River Plantation, South Franklin,
4 Strong, Weld and West Central Franklin. The term of office of the commissioner from
5 this district expires in 2028 and every 4 years thereafter.

6 D. Commissioner District Number 4 consists of the minor civil divisions and
7 unorganized territories of Carrabassett Valley, Dallas Plantation, East Central Franklin,
8 Industry, Kingfield, New Sharon, New Vineyard and Wyman Township. The term of
9 office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2026 and every 4 years
10 thereafter.

11 E. Commissioner District Number 5 consists of the minor civil divisions of Chesterville
12 and Jay. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2026 and
13 every 4 years thereafter.'

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
15 takes effect when approved.'

16 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
17 number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

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19 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It reapportions Franklin
20 County into 3 county commissioner districts until election day in November 2024, and into
21 5 county commissioner districts thereafter, substantially implementing the plan approved
22 by the voters of Franklin County in November 2021. The amendment contains an
23 emergency preamble and emergency clause so that candidates for the election of county
24 commissioner for District Number 3 will be aware that the term of office for this seat
25 expires on election day, November 2024.

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