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lation by the surety and failure of the adjuster to procure a satisfactory replacement bond prior to cancellation, the adjuster's license shall terminate.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 367

H.P. 300 - L.D. 389

AN ACT to Establish a Kennebec County Budget Advisory Committee.

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

30 MRSA c. 10 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 10

KENNEBEC COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

§1401. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. County commissioners. "County commissioners" means the elected county commissioners of Kennebec County.

2. Municipal officers. "Municipal officers" means the mayor, aldermen or councilors of a city, the selectmen or councilors of a town and the assessors of a plantation located in Kennebec County.

§1402. Kennebec County Budget Advisory Committee

In Kennebec County, there is established the Kennebec County Budget Advisory Committee to carry out the purposes of this chapter. This chapter applies only to Kennebec County.

1. Membership. The budget advisory committee shall consist of 9 members, 3 members from each commissioner district to be appointed by the county commissioners. The term of each member of the budget advisory committee shall be for 2 years.

2. Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the county budget advisory committee to review the budget estimates prepared by the county commissioners and to make recommendations to the county commissioners concerning a final county budget.

3. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring on the budget advisory committee shall be filled by appointment by the county commissioners for the balance of the unexpired term. The person appointed to fill the vacant office shall be a municipal officer from the same municipality as the person vacating the office.

4. Expenses. Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed from the county treasury for expenses lawfully incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

§1403. Budget advisory committee organization

The budget advisory committee shall conduct its meetings in public at the county courthouse. The county commissioners shall direct the county clerk to call an organizational meeting of the budget advisory committee no later than 60 days prior to the end of the county's fiscal year. The county commissioners shall provide the committee with necessary clerical assistance, office expenses and suitable meeting space, as well as access to county files and information. The budget advisory committee shall select its own chairman, vice-chairman and secretary. The budget advisory committee shall adopt its own rules or procedures and bylaws.

§1404. Budget procedures

1. Proposed budget. The county commissioners shall submit an itemized budget estimate, as described in sections 252 and 253, to the budget advisory committee in a timely fashion, no later than 60 days prior to the end of the county's fiscal year.

2. Budget review process. The budget advisory committee shall review the proposed itemized budget prepared by the county commissioners, together with any supplementary material prepared by the head of each county department or provided by any independent board, institution or other governmental agency. The budget advisory committee may make recommendations concerning any increase, decrease, alteration or revision to the proposed budget.

3. Public hearing. The budget advisory committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the

proposed budget prior to the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered by hand in person, with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the proposed budget.

4. Adoption of budget. After completion of the public hearing, the county commissioners may further increase, decrease, alter and revise the proposed itemized budget, provided that:

A. The county commissioners shall enter into their minutes a statement of the basis for any rejection of any recommendation of the budget advisory committee; and

B. The total estimated revenues, together with the amount of county tax to be levied, shall equal the total estimated expenditures.

The recommended budget shall then be transmitted by the county commissioners to the Legislature for its approval. The county tax authorized shall be apportioned and collected in accordance with section 254.

§1405. Budget amendments

The approved budget shall govern the expenditures of the county during the fiscal year. No expenses may be incurred in excess of those shown in the approved budget, but the budget may be from time to time revised by the commissioners with the advice of the budget advisory committee.

§1406. Filing of county budget

A copy of the final budget and subsequent amendments shall be filed, on forms approved by the Department of Audit, with the State Auditor, who shall retain them for a period of 3 years.

§1407. Repeal

This chapter is repealed on September 30, 1988.