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**STATE OF MAINE**

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within 15 days of an approval of an amended budget by the finance committee.

**§739-D. Filing of county budget**

A copy of the approved 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 3 years.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect for the purpose of electing finance committee members as provided in this Act upon the approval by the voters of Aroostook County of the recommendations of the Aroostook County Charter Commission. The finance committee shall perform the duties required under this Act beginning with the 1992 Aroostook County budget.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

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**CHAPTER 476**

**H.P. 1277 - L.D. 1771**

**An Act to Revise the Salaries of  
Certain County Officers**

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

**Whereas,** it has become necessary to revise the salaries of certain county officials; and

**Whereas,** it is desired to have these revisions retroactive to January 1, 1989; 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,

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

**30-A MRSA §2, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §1 and Pt. C, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. County officers' salaries. Notwithstanding other sections of this chapter, counties that are not required to obtain legislative approval of their budgets under section 702, are not required to obtain legislative approval of the salaries of county officers under this section. The county commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds in those counties whose budgets require legislative approval under section 702, shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury in weekly, biweekly or monthly payments, as follows:

<u>A. Androscoggin County:</u>			<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>			
<u>(a) Chair</u>			<u>\$6,043</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>			<u>5,173</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>			<u>19,426</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>			<u>25,848</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>			<u>11,732</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>			<u>13,067</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>			<u>22,649</u>
<u>B. Aroostook County:</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>			
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,160</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,160</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,640</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>20,800</u>	<u>20,800</u>	<u>22,465</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>11,550</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>16,560</u>	<u>16,560</u>	<u>17,885</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>			
<u>(a) Northern District</u>	<u>16,280</u>	<u>16,280</u>	<u>17,585</u>
<u>(b) Southern District</u>	<u>16,280</u>	<u>16,280</u>	<u>17,585</u>
<u>C. Franklin County:</u>			<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>			
<u>(a) Chair</u>			<u>\$4,899</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>			<u>4,646</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>			<u>5,200</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>			<u>26,000</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>			<u>11,687</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>			<u>16,695</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>			<u>17,808</u>

<u>D. Hancock County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$7,214</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,732</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>16,277</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>29,500</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>14,633</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,167</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>16,277</u>

<u>G. Lincoln County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$5,819</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,003</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,444</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>27,500</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,503</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,750</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>19,128</u>

<u>E. Kennebec County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$6,652</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,244</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>8,824</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>27,560</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>15,201</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>19,491</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>19,491</u>

<u>H. Oxford County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$5,572</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,077</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,711</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>28,000</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,988</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>16,089</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	

<u>F. Knox County:</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>			
<u>(a) District 1</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
<u>(b) District 2</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>(c) District 3</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>(d) Chair differential</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>18,954</u>		
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>29,250</u>		
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>16,965</u>		
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,954</u>		

<u>(a) Eastern District</u>	<u>16,521</u>
<u>(b) Western District</u>	<u>13,179</u>

<u>I. Penobscot County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$8,008</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>7,644</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>3,172</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>31,512</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>20,800</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>21,320</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>19,500</u>

<u>J. Piscataquis County:</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chair</u>	<u>\$5,800</u>

(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>5,000</u>	(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>16,000</u>
(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>5,850</u>	N. York County:	<u>1989</u>
(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>21,600</u>	(1) <u>Commissioners</u>	
(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,568</u>	(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,788</u>	(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>4,500</u>
(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,256</u>	(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>5,200</u>
K. <u>Sagadahoc County:</u>	<u>1989</u>	(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>28,000</u>
(1) <u>Commissioners</u>		(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,500</u>
(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$4,478</u>	(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>20,000</u>
(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>3,918</u>	(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>20,000</u>
(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>7,627</u>		
(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>28,000</u>		
(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>14,052</u>		
(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,352</u>		
(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>16,382</u>		
L. <u>Somerset County:</u>	<u>1989</u>		
(1) <u>Commissioners</u>			
(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$4,737</u>		
(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>4,058</u>		
(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>9,758</u>		
(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>28,004</u>		
(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>15,773</u>		
(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>16,635</u>		
(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>17,089</u>		
M. <u>Washington County:</u>	<u>1989</u>		
(1) <u>Commissioners</u>			
(a) <u>Chair</u>	<u>\$4,872</u>		
(b) <u>Members</u>	<u>4,061</u>		
(2) <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>15,000</u>		
(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	<u>27,000</u>		
(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	<u>14,526</u>		
(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>16,000</u>		

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be applied retroactively to January 1, 1989.

Effective June 26, 1989.

## CHAPTER 477

### H.P. 788 - L.D. 1100

#### An Act to Increase the Compensation for Part-time Deputy Sheriffs

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2805, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 67, §1, is further amended to read:

A. ~~“Full-time”~~ Except as provided in subparagraph (1), “full-time” means employment with the reasonable expectation of earning at least \$6,000 in any one calendar or fiscal year for performing law enforcement duties.

(1) For deputy sheriffs, “full-time” means employment with the reasonable expectation of earning at least \$10,000 in any one calendar or fiscal year for performing law enforcement duties.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §386, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**2. Part-time deputies.** Part-time deputies shall be compensated at a reasonable rate established by the county commissioners, which may not exceed the lowest per diem compensation rate of a full-time deputy in the county. No part-time deputy may be compensated under this section