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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**1. Appointment of chair.** The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council from among the members of the Maine Library Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine Arts Commission or the Maine State Museum Commission, provided that the appointed chair is not from the same commission as the previous chair. ~~The appointment is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and confirmation by the Legislature.~~

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**CHAPTER 520**

**S.P. 611 - L.D. 1615**

**An Act to Amend the Piscataquis County Budget Process**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §821**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**§821. Purpose**

The purpose of this article is to establish in Piscataquis County a method of appropriating money for county expenditures, including expenditures for municipal services in the unorganized territory, according to a budget, which ~~shall first must~~ be reviewed by a budget committee ~~and shall then be approved by the Legislature~~. This article amends the statutory method in sections 701 and 702 by creating a committee with authority to review the budget and make recommendations to the county commissioners. ~~The Legislature has authority to approve and amend the budget. The county commissioners have the authority to approve the budget.~~ This article applies only to Piscataquis County.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §825, sub-§§3, 6 and 7**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, are repealed.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §825, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**8. Assessment of taxes.** The budget ~~as approved by the Legislature~~ is the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes. The budget ~~shall~~ must be sent to the county commissioners and the county tax authorized ~~shall~~ must be apportioned and collected in accordance with section 706. The budget for the

unorganized territories ~~shall~~ must be sent to the State as provided by section 7503.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §826**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**§826. 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 preparation of a proposed amended budget by the county commissioners. This proposed amended budget ~~shall~~ must be submitted to the county budget committee for review. Any recommendations by this committee must be submitted within 10 calendar days. ~~After receiving the recommendation of the budget committee, the county commissioners shall forward the proposed revised budget to the legislative delegation for approval. The delegation has 10 calendar days to render a decision on the proposed revision. Failure of the delegation to render a decision within the specified time is considered an approval of the revision. If the delegation disapproves of the revision, the procedure of section 825, subsection 6, shall be followed. The county commissioners shall submit the proposed revised budget to the Legislature for approval, disapproval or amendment. If approved, the Legislature shall transmit a report of approval of a revised budget to the State Auditor within 15 days of that approval. The amended budget takes effect when approved by the county commissioners. A report of the approval of an amended budget must be transmitted by the county commissioners to the State Auditor within 15 days of that approval.~~

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**CHAPTER 521**

**H.P. 1206 - L.D. 1656**

**An Act to Provide for Confidential Treatment of State and Federal Regulatory Information in the Application Process for Financial Institutions**

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

**Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §252, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Confidential treatment of other state and federal regulatory information.** Any records or information in the possession of any state or federal