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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

Local & County Government

BILL SUMMARY



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Office of Legislative Assistants State House, Station 13 Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 289-2486 SUMMARY: Permits the Washington County Commissioners to spend tax revenues collected from Edmunds Township and not spent under the system of organized territory taxation in place prior to the creation of the Unorganized Territory Tax District, Title 36, c. 115. The resolve permits the tax revenues to be spent only on improvements to a recreation center.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BIANNUAL MEET- Dexter PL 1983, C.60
INGS BETWEEN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SUMMARY: Changes biannual meeting to annual.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A SELF-LIQUIDA- Soule P&SL 1983, C.20
TION BOND ISSUE FOR LINCOLN COUNTY (EMER)
FOR RENOVATION OF AND ADDITION TO THE
LINCOLN COUNTY JAIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY
FACILITY

SUMMARY: Bond issue of \$500,000 authorized to alleviate crowding in Lincoln County Jail. No referendum clause because delay would add \$100,000 to total cost of project (currently \$1,000,000.)

710 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A JULY 1ST TO Higgins, H. PL 1983, C.73 JUNE 30TH FISCAL YEAR FOR COUNTIES

SUMMARY: Permits counties to adopt a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year instead of operating on a calendar year basis. This is similar to authority already had by municipalities.

745 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRANSIT DIS- Carrier PL 1983, C.36
TRICT ENABLING ACT (NEW DRAFT ID113)

SUMMARY: General transit district statutes provide that each municipality in a transit district shall have a member on the board of directors for every 10,000 of its population. With only Portland and Westbrook in the Greater Portland Transit District (South Portland having dropped out), following these general provisions for board membership left Westbrook, because of the disparity in population between Portland and Westbrook, with no voice in transit district affairs. This adds a new provision applying only to the Greater Portland Transit District, giving Portland 5 board members and Westbrook 3 board members.