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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 427 AN ACT TO MORE CLEARLY PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC
ACCESS TO THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

CHALMERS

LU--WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The current statute requires that county commissioners hold a public hearing on their proposed budget by December 1st. Ten days notice of this meeting is required to the public, the municipal officers and the legislative delegation. This takes the form of newspaper notices and mailing or hand delivery to the municipal clerk and legislators. A return receipt is requested for the mailing and the personal delivery.

After this public hearing the commissioners are to meet with the delegation to finalize the budget. The statute requiring this meeting contains no requirement that notice be given. The purpose of this bill is:

1. To require in the statute mandating the meeting that the same notice be given to the public and the municipal officers for the meeting as is given for the initial public hearing on the budget.
2. To affirm the fact that all county budget meetings are public meetings for which prior public notice must be given.
3. To affirm that the budget finalized at the meeting of the County commissioners and the legislative delegation shall be the budget submitted to the Legislature.

LD: 459 AN ACT CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE BY THE OGUNQUIT BEACH DISTRICT TO THE OGUNQUIT VILLAGE CORPORATION AND CONFIRMING THE RIGHT OF THE TOWN OF OGUNQUIT

WENTWORTH
MCPHERSON
ROLDE

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

P AND S
CH # 8

SUMMARY:

This bill is intended to settle the title to certain land located in the Town of Ogunquit which is presently being used by the town as a park with a portion available for the parking of automobiles. The bill confirms and ratifies the 1973 transfer of land by the Trustees of the Ogunquit Beach District to the Ogunquit Village Corporation, "notwithstanding any provisions of general law to the contrary," and further provides that the town's use of part of the land as a parking lot shall not be deemed to be in violation of Private and Special Law 1941, chapter 66. That law required the Ogunquit Village Corporation to maintain and use the land in question as a public park.