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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

875

AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTY OFFICERS WHO COME INTO OFFICE DURING THE YEAR TO BE PAID LESSER SALARIES THAN STIPULATED BY LAW.

CAHILL
STOVER

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Currently, the salaries of county officers, as set annually by the county commissioners, become statutory law. They may be amended under the same procedures as any other statute.

The major purpose of this bill is to provide for those occasions when there is a change in office holders at times when there is not an opportunity to change the salary by statute. The bill wishes to make provision for those cases when the new office holder has less experience than the person whom he replaces and, thus, should not be paid at the level which was set based on the previous occupant's experience.

The bill gives the county commissioners the authority to lower the statutory salary of any office, except commissioner, by up to 20% if there is a new occupant of the office during the calendar year. This is subject to the approval of the legislative delegation.

The second purpose of this bill is to affirm the authority of the county commissioners to change the salaries of county officials in any direction at the time of preparing the county budget. This authority currently exists but, since the salaries are statutory law, it is possible that some commissioners do not realize that they can be changed as part of the annual budget process.

LD:

876

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FORT KENT TO CONVEY ITS INTEREST IN CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS IN FORT KENT, AROOSTOOK COUNTY

THERIAULT
MCBREAIRTY
VIOLETTE
MARTIN J
RESOLVE
CH # 34

OTP-AM

HOUSE Finally Passed
SENATE Finally Passed
GOV SIGNED

H-198 CA

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SUMMARY:

13 MRSA §3161 states that land that was reserved for the ministry or schools, which as of 1973 had not been vested in a parish or some individual, shall belong to the inhabitants of the town. They shall hold such land as public reserved lands subject to the control of the state.