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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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.

Committee Amendment A provides for staggered terms for municipal officers who are members of the budget advisory committee.

House Amendment A is to reduce the number of members of the advisory committee from 10 to 9 and to remove the representation of human services agencies within the county.

House Amendment B is to provide that the member appointed by the Cumberland County Human Services Board shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member.

Senate Amendment A is to provide that the members of the Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee shall serve 3-year terms. The amendment also provides that these terms shall be staggered.

LD:	1647	AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF FARMINGTON	WEBSTER C
	EMERGENCY	VILLAGE CORPORATION	ROBERTS
	OTP-AM	HOUSE Emerg. Enacted	P AND S
		SENATE Emerg. Enacted	CH #52
		GOV	
	S-288	CA	H S

SUMMARY:

This bill would amend the charter of the Farmington Village Corporation to remove all powers unrelated to the operation of a waterworks to avoid possible conflicts with the Town of Farmington. Committee amendment S-298 added a requirement that the charter amendments be approved by a referendum held at the next village corporation meeting.

LD:	1648	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FRANKLIN COUNTY TO RAISE	DEXTER
	EMERGENCY	\$1,432,085 FOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO	
		THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE	
	OTP-AM	HOUSE Emerg. Enacted	P AND S
		SENATE Emerg. Enacted	CH #54
		GOV	
	H-416	CA	H S
	H-430	CA DEXTER	H S

SUMMARY:

This bill seeks authority to place a \$1.4mm bond issue before the voters of Franklin County to make renovations and add to the Franklin County Court House. This bill has an emergency clause.

Franklin County currently has a 1985 debt service of \$186,000 which is a result of a 1981 bond authorization of \$1,250,000 for the jail. This bond is to be retired in 2002 and total remaining debt service is about \$2.2mm.

Committee Amendment A accomplishes the following:

1. Reduces the amount of the bond issue to \$800,000;
2. Eliminates the word "serial" in describing the bonds. They are not serial bonds. Serial bonds are taxable, which would be an undesirable feature;
3. Requires that the bill be submitted to the voters by the end of November of this year, that the bonds be issued within 3 years of ratification and that the funds be expended within 5 years of sale of the bonds. These provisions are consistent with the emergency status of the bill; and
4. Adds to the referendum question the fact that the total debt service will be \$1,500,000 for this issue and that the county's current bonded indebtedness, including interest, is \$2,163,000.

LD: 1650 AN ACT CONVERTING CASWELL PLANTATION INTO
EMERGENCY THE TOWN OF CASWELL

WEBSTER C.
ROBERTS

HOUSE EMER ENACTED
SENATE EMER ENACTED
GOV EMER SIGNED

P AND S
CH #44

SUMMARY:

This bill converts Caswell plantation into the Town of Caswell, conditioned upon approval by the residents in a referendum.