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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.*

*All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH KANY BUSTIN	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that the Kennebec County commissioners may revise the county budget during the year but only with approval of the Legislature. It provides that if the Legislature does not respond within 30 days, the county budget may be increased by an amount not to exceed the same period of a year ago by 10% more than the current budget exceeds the prior year's budget. Also, transfers between departments are allowed after this 30 day period of no response.

The chapter which provides for the Kennebec County Budget Committee is to Sunset September 30, 1988.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GAUVREAU CALLAHAN COTE	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill does the following:

Develops a very specific timetable for selection of budget committee members. Requires an early meeting between the county commissioners, the budget committee, and the legislative delegation to agree on the budget. Adds a requirement for formal approval, including power to amend, by the legislative delegation. Eliminates the requirement for submitting the budget to the Secretary of State, leaving the requirement that it be submitted directly to the Legislature. Changes the submitting body from the county budget committee to the legislative delegation. Requires that this submission be at a public hearing of the Committee on State and Local Government. Allows the Legislature to revise the budget rather than return it for revision. Adds a provision that if the Legislature has not approved the budget by May 1, the County may operate on a budget which exceeds the previous year by 10%. Adds a provision that, if the Legislature fails to act on a request for a budget revision during the year, the County may transfer between departments and may operate on a budget in which a given month may exceed the same month of a year ago by 10% more than the current year's budget exceeding the previous year's. Previously, a failure to act within 15 days was considered disapproval.