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### An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro,  
DEVIN of Newcastle, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, MALABY of  
Hancock, PIERCE of Dresden, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §792**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 718, is amended to read:

3 **§792. Interim budget**

4 If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, until a budget is finally  
5 adopted, the county shall operate on an interim budget, which may not exceed 80% of the  
6 previous year's budget.

7 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §793**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §10, is further  
8 amended to read:

9 **§793. Advisory committee**

10 There is established a Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee, referred to in this  
11 article as "the advisory committee," as provided in this section.

12 **1. Municipal officers; election; term.** The municipal ~~officers~~ governing bodies  
13 from each ~~county commissioner district~~ municipality shall choose the ~~budget advisory~~  
14 committee members by the following procedure.

15 A. No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, the county  
16 commissioners shall notify all municipal ~~officers~~ governing bodies in the county to  
17 ~~caucus by county commissioner districts at a specified date, time and place for the~~  
18 ~~purpose of electing at least~~ select one municipal officer from each district the  
19 governing body's municipality as a member of the ~~county budget advisory~~ committee  
20 ~~except, in 1990, at least 3 municipal officers must be selected from each district. The~~  
21 ~~county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that district caucus.~~  
22 ~~Nominations must be received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most votes~~  
23 ~~is approved as a budget committee member except, in 1990, each caucus shall elect 3~~  
24 ~~members. The names of those elected by the caucus~~ Each municipal governing body  
25 must be recorded record and ~~forwarded forward~~ the name of the municipal officer  
26 from that municipality selected to serve on the advisory committee to the county  
27 commissioners or, if the municipal governing body declines to have membership on  
28 the advisory committee, inform the county commissioners that the municipality will  
29 have no membership on the advisory committee.

30 ~~B. Budget committee members serve 3-year terms except, in 1990, one member from~~  
31 ~~each district must be elected for a one year term, one for a 2 year term and one for a~~  
32 ~~3-year term. If a budget committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during~~  
33 ~~the term of membership, the committee member vacates membership and the next~~  
34 ~~district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of~~  
35 ~~the unexpired term.~~

36 **2. Legislative member.** The Lincoln County legislative delegation shall annually  
37 select one member of the delegation who resides in Lincoln County to serve on the  
38 ~~budget advisory~~ committee.

