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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Establishing an Apportionment Commission To Increase the Number of Androscoggin County Commissioners'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Apportionment commission. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 61, the Legislature shall establish an apportionment commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," in accordance with the procedure established in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A to apportion the Androscoggin County commissioner districts to increase the number of county commissioner districts in Androscoggin County. By October 1, 2007, the commission shall develop a plan with maps to increase the number of county commissioner districts from 3 to 5. The plan must include the initial terms of office for each commissioner district. The plan to increase the number of districts must designate 2 commissioners to have 2-year initial terms and 3 commissioners to have 4-year initial terms. The commission shall conduct the reapportionment according to the process established in Title 30-A, section 65, subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; and be it further

Sec. 2 County referendum. Resolved: That the Androscoggin County commissioners may submit the plan developed pursuant to section 1 to the voters of Androscoggin County at the statewide election held in November 2007. The plan must be submitted by the commission to the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than January 15, 2008 for enactment by the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 3 Election of county commissioners. Resolved: That the election of Androscoggin County commissioners in the reapportioned districts approved pursuant to section 2 must take place at the statewide election held in November 2008.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve to establish an apportionment commission to develop a plan to redistrict Androscoggin County to increase the number of county commissioners to 5. The plan must be developed by October 1, 2007. The county commissioners may submit the plan to the county voters at referendum at the November 2007 election and to the Legislature for enactment during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. If the plan is approved, the election for commissioners of the new county commissioner districts must take place at the November 2008 election.