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Resolve, Establishing an Apportionment Commission To Develop New Cumberland County Commissioner Districts

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 Cumberland County commissioner districts to increase the number of county commissioner districts in Cumberland County. The commission shall develop 2 plans, one that increases the number of county commissioner districts from 3 to 5 and one that increases the number of districts from 3 to 7. The commission shall include in its apportionment plans the initial terms of office for each commissioner district. The plan to increase the number of districts to 5 must designate 2 commissioner districts that have 2-year initial terms and 3 commissioner districts that have 4-year initial terms. The plan to increase the number of districts to 7 must designate 3 commissioner districts that have 2-year initial terms and 4 commissioner districts that have 4-year initial terms. All subsequent terms under both plans are for 4 years. 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 Cumberland County commissioners shall vote on which plan of the 2 under section 1 to send to the voters and may submit the plan to the voters of Cumberland County at the June 2007 election. 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 Cumberland County commissioners in the reapportioned districts approved pursuant to section 2 must take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2008.