

Comments re: LD286:

My name is Jon Beekman. I was on the KC Budget Committee for 3 years as a Fayette Selectman.

The KC Commissioners were asked by the Budget Committee to issue a tax bill to their 30 communities with payments to be paid in installments. I initiated this legislation because the Commissioners refused. They refused because the current state law for all counties only allows them to establish one date for payment of the tax. This causes incredible hardship for municipalities. As an example, approximately 95% of the KC cities & towns collect their property taxes on dates after receipt of the county tax bill!

This amendment adds the option for county taxes to be billed once but to be paid in installments on a schedule determined by each County's Commissioners.

I would ask for your support for this amendment. Thank you.

TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE for KENNEBEC COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES											
MUNICIPALITY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Albion			X								
Augusta			X						X		
Belgrade			X								
Benton										X	
Chelsea				X							
China			X						X		
Clinton				X						X	
Farmingdale				X						X	
Fayette					X					X	
Gardiner			X						X		
Hallowell			X						X		
Litchfield				X			X			X	
Manchester				X						X	
Monmouth				X						X	
Mount Vernon			X						X		
Oakland		X		x			X		X		
Pittston		X			X						
Randolph			X						X		
Readfield			X						X		
Rome				X							
Sidney			X								
Vassalboro			X		X			X		X	
Vienna			X								
Waterville				X		X			X		
Wayne				X			X			X	
West Gardiner	X										
Windsor			X						X		
Winslow				X							
Winthrop				X						X	