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Title 30-A. Municipalities and Counties ([Refs & Annos](#))

Part 1. Counties

Chapter 3. County Budget and Finances ([Refs & Annos](#))

[Subchapter 1](#). Tax Assessment and Budget Process ([Refs & Annos](#))

[Article 1](#). Assessment of Taxes; Generally

→ § 710. County correctional services budget procedure

1. Budget growth limitation and proposed budget. At least 6 months before the beginning of each state fiscal year, the State Board of Corrections, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-C and referred to in this section as “the board,” shall set a growth limitation for the correctional services expenditures in the new fiscal year for each county budget. The county commissioners shall submit itemized correctional services budgets to the board in a format and by a date to be determined annually by the board.

2. Limitation on growth of county correctional services budgets. The board shall review each county correctional services budget submitted under subsection 1. If the county correctional services budget submitted to the board does not exceed the growth limitation established under subsection 1 and is consistent with board directives under Title 34-A, section 1803, the board must accept the county commissioners’ approval of the county’s correctional services budget.

If the county correctional services budget submitted exceeds the growth limitation established under subsection 1 or is inconsistent with board directives under Title 34-A, section 1803, the board must further review, amend and adopt a correctional services budget for the county under subsections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Hearing on county commissioners’ budget. If a county correctional services budget submitted to the board exceeds the growth limitation established under subsection 1 or is inconsistent with a directive of the board under Title 34-A, section 1803, the board must further review the proposed budget together with any supplementary material prepared by the county commissioners, county correctional services administrators, the Department of Corrections or any other person or entity from whom the board chooses to receive supplementary material. The board may hold a hearing under this subsection, except that it shall hold a hearing on a county correctional services budget when the county requests a hearing. If the board holds a hearing under this subsection, the provisions of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 [\[FNI\]](#) apply.

4. Budget adjustment process. For a county correctional services budget submitted to the board, the board may amend or accept the proposed budget provided that the total estimated revenues, together with the amount of county tax to be levied pursuant to section 701, subsections 2-A and 2-B, equal the total estimated expenditures.

5. Adoption of budget. After review of a county correctional services budget submitted to the board under subsection 2, a hearing, if necessary pursuant to subsection 3, and the adjustment process under subsection 4, the board shall adopt a final correctional services budget for the county and transmit that budget to the county commissioners. [The correctional services budgets for Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County shall be adopted without regard to any existing agreements related to the allocation of responsibility the cost of correctional services related to the operation of the Lincoln and Sagadahoc Multicounty Jail.](#)

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6. Assessment of taxes. The property tax assessment for county correctional services expenditures as established in section 701, subsection 2-A, and the county jail debt assessment established in section 701, subsection 2-B, approved by the board processes, are the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes. The budget must be sent to the county commissioners and the county tax must be authorized, apportioned and collected in accordance with section 706.

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[\[FN1\] 5 M.R.S.A. § 9051 et seq.](#)

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