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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SUSSEX COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend § 7002(n)(3), Chapter 70, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike  
2 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           (n) Consideration and adoption of the annual operating budget ordinance. — (1) The county government, upon  
4 receipt of the proposed operating budget from the County Administrator, shall immediately publish a notice in all  
5 newspapers of general circulation in the County, setting forth:

6           a. A summary of the estimated revenues and expenditures;

7           b. The details of recommended new sources of revenue or increased rates of existing taxes, licenses, fees or  
8 other revenue;

9           c. That copies of the budget are available at the office of the Clerk of the county government;

10          d. The date, time and place at which the county government will commence its public hearings upon the  
11 proposed budget, which shall be not less than 21 days after the date of publication of such notice.

12          (2) The county government, upon conclusion of its public hearings but not later than July 1, shall adopt the  
13 operating budget ordinance in the form submitted by the County Administrator unless the county government shall  
14 have established additional general classes of expenditures for purposes of appropriation. The county government  
15 may increase, decrease or delete any item of appropriation recommended by the County Administrator. Upon  
16 concurrence of its members, the county government may add new items of appropriation.

17          (3) Amendments to the annual operating budget ordinance shall be considered and approved by the county  
18 government ~~under the same procedures prescribed for its original adoption, but no amendment shall increase the~~  
19 ~~aggregate of authorized expenditures to an amount greater than the total of the appropriation made at the time of the~~  
20 ~~adoption of the original budget.~~

SYNOPSIS

This bill deletes an unnecessary restriction relating to amending the Sussex County budget. No similar provision is applicable to the Kent or New Castle County budget process.