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Honorable John H. Reed  
Governor of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Governor Reed:

You have asked if an associate member of a city planning board is a municipal official as that phrase is used in the act creating a Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Title 3, sections 271-276.

Section 271 provides that two members appointed by the Governor shall be "municipal officials." There is no definition of this phrase in these sections.

Title 30, section 4952, authorizes a municipality to establish a planning board consisting of 5 members and 2 associate members. They are appointed by the municipal officers who may not be members of the planning board. Title 30, section 1901, subsection 8, states:

" 'Municipal officials' means any elected or appointed member of a municipal government."

Hence, within the municipal law an associate member of a planning board is a municipal official. Such an official would be a "municipal official" eligible for membership on the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Very truly yours,

George C. West  
Deputy Attorney General

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