

STATE OF MAINE

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) To Dana A. Little, Senior Planner

Dept. State Planning Office

From Donald G. Alexander, Deputy

Dept. Attorney General

Subject Status of Regional Planning Commissions under Social Security Program

This responds to your memorandum of October 26, 1976, to Assistant Attorney General Cabanne Howard in which you asked whether recent changes in legislation affecting regional planning commissions would change the status of the regional planning commissions as political subdivisions pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 1222 as indicated in an opinion of this office dated December 4, 1969.

We have reviewed the changes in legislation affecting regional planning commissions, 30 M.R.S.A. §§ 4511 through 4516, and on the basis of that review we see no basis to change the statement made in the opinion of this office of December 4, 1969, that regional planning commissions fall within the definition of "political subdivision" as that term is defined in 5 M.R.S.A. § 1222, sub-§ 6.

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