

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McCloskey of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Formation of Multi-community Transit Districts.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Legislation.** The State Planning Office is authorized to undertake the drawing up of legislation regarding the formation of multi-community transit districts. The State Planning Office shall in the drafting of this legislation solicit the advice and suggestions of various private and public agencies related to the field of transportation, and the State Highway Commission. The State Planning Office shall include appropriate legislative provisions including the make-up of the governing board, formation of districts, carrying out of all functions related to transportation and the necessary accompanying powers, and relations of the districts to planning and other existing transportation oriented public agencies.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$4,000 to the State Planning Office to carry out the purpose of this Act, and the draft of any legislation shall be submitted to the 105th Legislature no later than December 31, 1971.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There exists in Maine law today no enabling legislation for the formation and operation of multi-community transit districts. With legislation passed in Congress in 1970, a considerable number of dollars will be available during this decade in allocations to Maine for planning and operation of public transit of all types. Several Maine communities are either interested in formation of districts or are in need of districts to continue or improve existing transit services. This bill would provide a model for enabling legislation of transit districts for consideration by the Maine Legislature.