

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 680**

H. P. 603

House of Representatives, February 5, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Post of Owls Head.

Cosponsors: Representative H. Higgins of Portland and Representative E. Paradis of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Authorize the Designation of a Municipal Development District.**

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

**30 MRSA § 4863, sub-§ 1, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th ¶¶**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 397, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

**A designation under this subsection shall be effective upon approval by the governing body of the municipality. If the municipality has a charter, the designation shall be done in accordance with the provisions of the charter.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, a municipality may designate a development district for the purposes of tax increment financing only after a municipal referendum on the proposed district boundaries. This bill deletes the referendum requirement, while retaining the existing public notice and hearing procedures, and makes the designation effective upon approval by the municipality's governing body.