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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 111TH LEGISLATURE FIRST RECULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 503,
L.D. 1519, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Law Concerning Certain Appeals from Planning Board Decisions."

10 Amend the Bill in section 2 in paragraph B in the 11 8th line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "no" and inserting in its place the underlined word $\frac{1}{an}$ and in the 9th and 10th 12 13 (page 2, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking 14 lines out the underlined words "to the board of appeals 15 unless specifically" and inserting in their place the 16 following: 'directly to Superior Court if' 17

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment alters section 2 of the bill. As originally written, section 2 provided that appeals from planning board decisions on permit issuance would be to the Superior Court unless the municipal ordinance provided otherwise. This amendment turns that provision around. Appeals may go directly to Superior Court if the municipal ordinance so provides.

27 The purpose of this amendment is to remove the requirement, created by the language of the original 28 29 bill, that municipalities where appeals from planning 30 board decisions are taken to the board of appeals would have to amend their ordinances to continue that 31 32 practice. With this amendment, appeals will go to the board of appeals unless the local ordinance provides 33 34 for appeals to court.

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