

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 933

H.P. 692 House of Representatives, March 25, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative RACINE of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives LOOK of Jonesboro and
STROUT of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Allow Municipalities to Determine
2 Local Speed Limits.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 29 MRSA §1251, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
7 169, is amended to read:

8 If a municipality asks the Department of Trans-
9 portation to change a speed limit on a roadway within
10 the municipality and the request is denied, the mu-
11 nicipality may ask the department to hold a public
12 hearing within the municipality for the purpose of
13 supplying the department with the views of the public
14 on the requested speed limit change. The department
15 shall hold the hearing within 30 days of the request
16 for the hearing. The department shall inform the mu-

1 nicipality of its final decision on the requested
2 speed limit change within 30 days after the hearing.
3 If a municipality still chooses to establish a lower
4 speed limit after the department has denied its re-
5 quest, the municipal officers may seek voter approval
6 in a referendum at the next regularly scheduled mu-
7 nicipal election. If approved by the voters, the re-
8 duced speed limit shall be effective 30 days after
9 approval by referendum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This bill allows local municipalities to set low-
12 er local speed limits than those established by the
13 Department of Transportation. It requires a majority
14 vote in a municipal referendum.

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