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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport.

Cosponsored by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield, Representative DAGGETT of Augusta and Senator ESTY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Require Government Agencies to Notify the Public and
Local Officials of Potential Public Land Purchases.**



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

3 **12 MRSA §561** is enacted to read:

5 **§561. Notification before land acquisition**

7 Whenever the State or any state department or agency
9 considers the acquisition, by whatever means, of particular land
11 or lands within any locality, the State or that state department
13 or agency shall notify the director in writing. The director or
15 the director's designee shall notify the public and all members
17 of any local legislative body of the State's or any state
19 department's or agency's consideration of local land for
21 acquisition. The notification to the public shall be by
23 publication of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in
25 that area. Notification to members of the local legislative body
27 shall be by first-class mail.

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21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Public
25 Lands to notify the public and the local legislative body of the
27 State's consideration of land acquisition in that locality. The
bureau must publish its intentions in a local newspaper and send
a letter to each member of the local legislative body before the
State may acquire land.

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