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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville, Representative HOGLUND of Portland and Representative CASHMAN of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Establishing Procedures for Notice of Proposed Zoning Changes.

(EMERGENCY)



	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after local property tax revaluations have occurred; and
8	Whereas, most rezonings are requested in the spring of the year; and
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12	Whereas, it is necessary that the changes to zoning procedures take place prior to the assessment of property taxes and are in place for the anticipated rezoning requests; and
14	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
16	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
18	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4352, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
24	104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:
26	8. Conditional and contract rezoning. A zoning ordinance may include provisions for conditional or contract zoning. All
28	rezoning under this subsection must:
30	A. Be consistent with the local growth management program adopted under this chapter;
32	B. Establish rezoned areas which are consistent with the
34	existing and permitted uses within the original zones; and
36	C. Only include conditions and restrictions which relate to the physical development or operation of the property.
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40	The municipal reviewing authority shall conduct a public hearing before any property is rezoned under this subsection. Notice of this hearing shall be posted in the municipal office at least 14
42	days before the public hearing. Notice shall also be published
44	at least 2 times in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality. The date of the first publication must be at least 7 days before the hearing. Notice shall also be sent to the
46	owner or owners of the property to be rezoned and to the owners
48	of all property abutting the property to be rezoned at the owners' last known addresses. This notice shall contain a copy
50	of the proposed conditions and restrictions with a map indicating the property to be rezoned.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4352, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

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2	Notice and hearing in rezoning. Before any property is
	rezoned, the municipal reviewing authority must conduct a public
4	hearing. Notice of this hearing shall:
6	A. Be posted in the municipal office at least 14 days
	before the public hearing;
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	B. Be published at least 2 times in a newspaper having
10	general circulation in the municipality, the date of the
•	first publication being at least 7 days before the hearing;
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	C. Be sent to the owner or owners of the property to be
14	rezoned and to the owners of all property abutting the
	property to be rezoned at their last known addresses; and
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	D. Contain a copy of a map indicating the property to be
1.8	rezoned.
20	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
	preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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26	. Buighing law mannings black when a suppose is under
. 0	Existing law requires that when a property is under
28	consideration for conditional or contract rezoning all abutters
	must be given notice and an opportunity to be heard. This bill
30	will expand that requirement to all proposed rezonings. The bill
	also requires that notice be given to the owner of the property
12	that is to be rezoned.