

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 425

S.P. 170

In Senate, February 7, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Local Development Corporations to Hold Open Meetings.



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

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3 5 MRSA §13081, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1989, c. 914, §3, is
4 further amended to read:

6 6. Local development corporation. "Local development
7 corporation" means any nonprofit organization created by a
8 municipality; incorporated under Title 13, chapter 81;
9 incorporated under Title 13-B or otherwise chartered by the
10 State; and designed to foster, encourage and assist the
11 settlement or resettlement of industrial, manufacturing, fishing,
12 agricultural, recreational and other business enterprises within
13 the State. A majority vote of the municipal officers is
14 sufficient to form a local development corporation,
15 notwithstanding Title 13, chapter 81. Notwithstanding this
16 subsection, a "local development corporation" is any nonprofit
17 organization incorporated under Title 13, chapter 81;
18 incorporated under Title 13-B or otherwise chartered by the
19 State; and designed to foster, encourage and assist the
20 settlement or resettlement of industrial, manufacturing, fishing,
21 agricultural, recreational and other business enterprises within
22 the State that applies for financial assistance for a project
23 under this article, as long as that application is formally
24 endorsed by a vote of the governing body of the municipality in
25 which the project is to be located. No local development
26 corporation may receive public funds unless its board meetings
27 and meeting records regarding the use and expenditures of those
28 funds are open to the public.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 This bill prohibits local development corporations from
34 receiving public funds unless they hold public meetings and make
their records open to the public.