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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham, Representative GRAY of Sedgwick and Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Establishing Procedures for Notice of Proposed Zoning Changes.



	be it enacted by the reopie of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4352, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
4	104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:
6	8. Conditional and contract rezoning. A zoning ordinance may include provisions for conditional or contract zoning. All
8	rezoning under this subsection must:
10	A. Be consistent with the local growth management program adopted under this chapter;
12	B. Establish rezoned areas which that are consistent with
14	the existing and permitted uses within the original zones; and
16	C. Only include conditions and restrictions which that
18	relate to the physical development or operation of the property.
20	The municipal reviewing authority shall conduct a public hearing
22	before any property is rezoned under this subsection. Notice of this hearing shall must be posted in the municipal office at
24	least 14 days before the public hearing. Notice shall must also be published at least 2 times in a newspaper having general
26	circulation in the municipality. The date of the first publication must be at least 7 days before the hearing. Notice
28	shall must also be sent to the owner or owners of the property to
30	<u>be rezoned and to the</u> owners of all property abutting the property to be rezoned at the owners' last known addresses. This notice shall <u>must</u> contain a copy of the proposed conditions and
32	restrictions with a map indicating the property to be rezoned.
34	Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4352, sub-§9 is enacted to read:
36	9. Notice and hearing in rezoning. Before any property is rezoned, the municipal reviewing authority shall conduct a public
38	hearing. Notice of this hearing must:
40	A. Be posted in the municipal office at least 14 days before the public hearing:
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44	B. Be published at least 2 times in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, the date of the
4.5	first publication must be at least 7 days before the hearing;
46	C. Be sent to the owner or owners of the property to be
48	rezoned and to the owners of all property abutting the property to be rezoned at the owners' last known addresses;
50	and
52	D. Contain a copy of a map indicating the property to be rezoned.

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Current law requires that, when a property is under consideration for conditional or contract rezoning, all abutters must be given notice and an opportunity to be heard. This bill extends that requirement to all proposed rezonings. This bill also requires that notice be given to the owner of the property that is to be rezoned.