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SENATE AMENDMENT " E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P.  
472, L.D. 1264, Bill, "An Act Concerning Special Waste Landfills"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

'Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2154-A is enacted to read:

§2154-A. Establishment of citizen advisory committee

1. Establishment authorized. The municipal officers of a  
municipality identified by the Facility Siting Board as a  
semifinalist in the selection of a proposed site for a waste  
disposal facility or a facility that produces refuse-derived fuel  
under this chapter and each contiguous municipality that may be  
affected by the construction or operation of that facility may  
jointly establish a single citizens advisory committee within 90  
days of notification of its selection as a semifinalist site.

2. Membership. A citizens advisory committee must be  
composed of citizens from each affected municipality, appointed  
by the municipal officers of the municipality selected as a  
semifinalist proposed site, including, but not limited to: an  
elected municipal official; a town planner or engineer; and at  
least 3 additional residents of the community, including abutting  
property owners and residents potentially affected by pollution  
from the proposed facility. In addition, the committee may  
include members representing the following: conservation  
commissions; comprehensive plan committees; environmental and  
community groups; labor groups; professionals with expertise  
relating to landfills or incinerators; experts in the area of  
chemistry, epidemiology, hydrogeology and biology; and legal  
experts.

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2 3. Meetings. A citizens advisory committee shall meet as  
soon as practical following appointment of its members. The  
4 committee shall establish procedures for the conduct of meetings.

6 4. Powers. A citizens advisory committee functions as a  
liaison between the Facility Siting Board and its semifinalist  
8 host community. As such the committee may:

10 A. Review site analyses, including, but not limited to,  
findings relating to any possible impact in soil, air and  
12 water quality, with accompanying consultation from experts  
in the fields;

14 B. Hold periodic public meetings to solicit the opinions of  
residents concerning the proposed facility and regional plan;

16 C. Provide the agency and the department with any  
18 alternative plans or procedures it determines appropriate;  
20 and

22 D. Serve as liaison between the community and the agency or  
the department to:

24 (1) Facilitate communications during the selection  
process;

26 (2) Foster greater mutual understanding; and

28 (3) Ensure access to all concerned parties about vital  
30 components of both site selection and community  
32 concerns, grievances or questions about the siting  
process.

34 The citizens advisory committee is directly responsible to the  
municipal officers of the municipality identified as a  
36 semifinalist proposed site.'

38 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
40 read consecutively.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment amends the committee amendment to authorize municipalities identified by the Facility Siting Board as semifinalists in the selection of a proposed site and contiguous municipalities to jointly establish a single citizens advisory committee.

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