

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 25, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport and Representative ANDERSON of Woodland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Require the Holding of Hearings under the Maine  
Administrative Procedure Act.**

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

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4 5 MRSA §9052-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 653, §3, is amended to read:

6 **§9052-A. Holding of hearings**

8 Whenever an agency, including environmental agencies, holds  
10 a hearing pursuant to this subchapter, the agency shall ~~strive to~~  
12 hold a hearing in the area or areas of the State which that are  
14 significantly affected by the license application or which that  
16 are concerned about the issue. Agencies shall attempt to hold  
hearings at times that are convenient for people who want to  
attend. If the entire State may be significantly affected by an  
issue, hearings must be held on that issue in several central  
locations throughout the State.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill requires that a state agency, when holding a  
24 hearing under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, hold a  
26 hearing in the area or areas of the State that are significantly  
28 affected by a license application or that are concerned about an  
30 issue. Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section  
32 9052-A, agencies are merely required to strive to hold hearings  
in affected areas. The bill requires that agencies attempt to  
hold hearings at times that are convenient and that, if the  
entire State may be significantly affected by an issue, hearings  
must be held on that issue in several central locations  
throughout the State.