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House of Representatives, March 28, 1996

An Act to Reduce the Notice and Hearing Requirements Imposed on Quasi-municipal Corporations and Districts.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

SOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

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

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2357, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 479, is amended to read:

1. Public notice and hearing required. All quasi-municipal 6 corporations or districts must provide reasonable public notice and hearing, as provided by Title 5, ehapter-375 section 8052, 8 subsection 1 and Title 5, section 8053, before adopting any regulation or expanding or creating any program, except that 10 notice need not be given to the Secretary of State for publication in the consolidated newspaper notice of agency 12 rulemaking. In addition to the preceding notice requirements, a 14 quasi-municipal corporation or district must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area of the corporation or district at least 17 days, but not more than 24 16 days, in advance of a meeting at which a regulation will be adopted or a program expanded or created. 18

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill specifies that quasi-municipal corporations or 24 districts must publish notice at least 17 days, but not more than 24 days, before a meeting at which a regulation will be adopted 26 or a program expanded.