

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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H.P. 251

House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

### An Act to Streamline Maine's Planning Process

(EMERGENCY)

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, McKENNEY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect prior to  
the end of the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to  
allow the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
8 jurisdiction over state and local government matters to report  
out legislation as soon as possible; and

10           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

20           **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 311,** as amended, is repealed.

22           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1971, c.  
457, §5, is repealed.

24           **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1979, c.  
663, §233, is amended to read:

26           A. The proposed amendment or revision has been submitted to  
28 the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, the Greater  
Portland Council of Governments and other appropriate  
30 agencies, which shall forward their comments and  
recommendations, if any, to the commission within 30 days;  
32 and

34           **Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1979, c.  
663, §233, is repealed.

36           **Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§35,** as amended by PL 1997, c.  
38 393, Pt. B, §9, is repealed.

40           **Sec. 6. Authority to report out bill.** The joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and  
42 local government matters shall report out a bill to the First  
Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to establish a  
44 legislative task force. The task force shall make  
recommendations on the reallocation of State Planning Office  
46 functions to other appropriate state or local authorities for  
those functions not duplicated at the local level.

48           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
50 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except that

sections 1 to 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 2004.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill dissolves the State Planning Office effective July 1, 2004 and requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to establish a legislative task force to reallocate State Planning Office functions to other appropriate state or local authorities for those functions not duplicated at the local level.

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