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An Act To Require Joint Planning and Development Board Review for Proposed Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CHASE of Wells, DUCHESNE of Hudson,
MARLEY of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, RICHARDSON of Warren, Senator: TURNER
of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4403, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 226, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1-A. Joint meetings.** If any portion of a subdivision crosses municipal boundaries
5 or shares a common boundary with an adjacent municipality, all meetings and hearings to
6 review the application must be held jointly by the reviewing authorities from each
7 municipality. All meetings and hearings to review an application under section 4407 for
8 a revision or amendment to a subdivision that crosses municipal boundaries must be held
9 jointly by the reviewing authorities from each municipality. In addition to other review
10 criteria, the reviewing authorities shall consider and make a finding of fact regarding the
11 criteria described in section 4404, subsection 19.

12 The reviewing authorities in each municipality, upon written agreement, may waive the
13 requirement under this subsection for any joint meeting or hearing.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires a joint review by each municipality of proposals for subdivisions
16 that share a common boundary with another municipality. Current law requires a joint
17 review only for subdivisions that cross municipal boundaries.