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An Act To Protect Local Input in Economic Development and Redevelopment Efforts

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, DeCHANT of Bath, HAMANN of South Portland,
MASON of Topsham, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, VOLK of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13083-H, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 599, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Primary impact community.** "Primary impact community" means the
5 municipalities of Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, Lisbon
6 Falls and Topsham ~~and Androscoggin County, Cumberland County and Sagadahoc~~
7 ~~County.~~

8 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13083-I, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 599, §1,
9 are amended to read:

10 **2. Membership; appointment.** The authority is governed by a board of trustees
11 composed of: 11 voting members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the
12 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic
13 development matters and to confirmation by the Senate; and 2 voting members, one of
14 whom is appointed by the town council of the Town of Brunswick and one of whom is
15 appointed by the board of selectmen of the Town of Topsham.

16 A. Trustees are appointed for 4-year terms, except that, for initial appointments, 3
17 trustees are appointed to one-year terms, 3 trustees are appointed to 2-year terms, 2
18 trustees are appointed to 3-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 4-year terms and
19 the commissioner designated pursuant to paragraph D serves at the pleasure of the
20 Governor. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment
21 for the balance of the unexpired term.

22 B. A trustee continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified, but
23 the term of the successor is not altered from the original expiration date of the
24 holdover trustee's term.

25 C. The Governor shall make 10 appointments, of which no fewer than ~~7~~ 5 must be
26 from candidates who are residents of Androscoggin County, Cumberland County and
27 Sagadahoc County and are nominated by the primary impact communities. The
28 Governor shall appoint members who reflect the diversity of interests represented by
29 these communities.

30 D. The Governor shall designate a commissioner of a department of State
31 Government to be a voting, ex officio member of the board of trustees.

32 E. A member appointed to the board of trustees may not hold an elected office in
33 municipal, county or state government.

34 **3. Quorum.** ~~Six~~ Seven members constitute a quorum. ~~Six~~ Seven affirmative votes
35 are required for the board of trustees to take action.

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill adds 2 members to the board of trustees of the Midcoast Regional
38 Redevelopment Authority, one appointed by the town council of the Town of Brunswick

1 and one appointed by the board of selectmen of the Town of Topsham. It also removes
2 references to counties from the definition of "primary impact community."