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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

**An Act To Allow Aroostook County To Create Tax Increment
Financing Districts**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McELWEE of Caribou,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5236** is enacted to read:

3 **§5236. Aroostook County**

4 For the purposes of this chapter, Aroostook County may act as a municipality for the
5 area within the county and may designate development districts within the county. When
6 Aroostook County acts under this section, the county commissioners act as the
7 municipality and the municipal legislative body; municipal and plantation assessors
8 perform the functions of municipal and plantation assessors for municipalities or
9 plantations within the development district; the State Tax Assessor acts as the municipal
10 assessor for areas within the development district located within the unorganized
11 territory; and the unorganized territory fund within the county receives the funds
12 designated for the municipal general fund.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill authorizes Aroostook County to establish development districts qualifying
15 for tax increment financing within the county in the same manner that a municipality or
16 plantation may establish such a development district.