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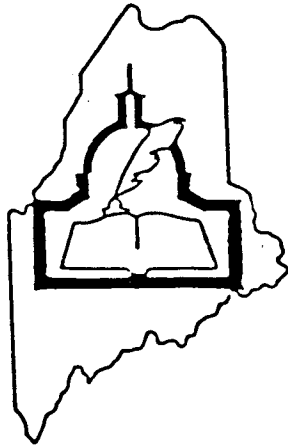
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LD: 1600
EMERGENCY
ND of 1251

AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DUTIES AND FUNDING
OF THE MAINE LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION

MCBREAIRTY
HARPER
RIDLEY

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 345

S-136 SA MCBREAIRTY
S-180 SB MCBREAIRTY H S

SUMMARY:

This bill is a new draft of LD 1251. The original bill made several changes in the structure, operation and funding of the LURC. The bill would have required one of the 7 commission members to be a resident of an unorganized township and one to be a resident of a plantation or town being served by the commission; required commission standards which are more restrictive than standards imposed by other state laws to be approved by the voters of a town or plantation before being enforced there; and reduced the standards which former unorganized townships and plantations must meet following organization to get out from under LURC jurisdiction. The bill also would have created a new fee schedule designed to be comparable to the fee schedule for similar activities in organized territories. Finally, the original bill would have created a new funding mechanism for LURC intended to more accurately assess charges to those who receive services from the commission. Commission activities benefiting unorganized areas would be paid for from the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; those activities benefiting plantations, towns and cities would be paid for from the General Fund which would be reimbursed by the municipalities receiving the benefit; and those activities benefiting the state as a whole would be paid from the General Fund.

Committee discussion focused primarily on the appropriate make up and membership history of the commission and on how to deal with the commonly perceived funding inequities for the commission.

The new draft requires at least one member of the commission to be a resident of the commission's jurisdiction and would have established an 11 member Joint Select Committee to study the method and sources of funding of the commission.

CA-S-180: This Senate Amendment requires one member of the commission to be a resident of a town or plantation within the commission's jurisdiction and deletes the provisions for the study.