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

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

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

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

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

### **SUMMARY**

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