

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Legislative Proposals Regarding the Maine Land Use Regulation Committee
First Session, 125th Legislature

LD 819 Resolve, To Improve the Predictability of Land Use Regulation in the Unorganized Territories

LD 819: Directs the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to take certain actions regarding land use, specifically to:

- Begin prospective zoning for a region within its jurisdiction using a process similar to that used to develop the prospective zoning plan for Rangeley;
- Seek input from stakeholders prior to implementing the 2010 revisions to the comprehensive land use plan.
- Develop a permit-by-rule process for routine and minor activities within the jurisdiction.
- Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2012 with progress made on each directive.

LD 1534 An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority in the Unorganized Territories

LD 1534 eliminates the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, effective July 15, 2012 and provides for the transfer of planning authority to the counties in which the land is located.

- It establishes an Advisory Board and directs the board to provide the ACF Committee with suggested changes and implementing legislation to effectuate the transfer of authority
- The advisory board is to report to the ACF committee no later than December 2, 2011. The ACF Committee is authorized to submit legislation to the 2nd Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.
- The advisory board is dissolved July 15, 2012.

Amendment to LD 1534 proposed by Senate President Kevin Raye 5/17/2011

The amendment replaces the bill. It also eliminates the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, effective July 15, 2012.

The amendment:

- Establishes the Land Use Review and Appeals Board, the "board," consisting of one county commissioner or a designee of the county commissioners from each of 8 counties - Aroostook, Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock and Washington.
- Provides for LURC's planning and regulatory functions to be undertaken by individual counties, groups of counties, or by the board.
- Establishes a Transition Advisory Board consisting of 5 members appointed by the Governor to assist in matters related to the transfer of authority from LURC to the counties and the Land Use Review and Appeals Board.

