

State of Maine Statutes

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 30-A Municipalities and Counties

Part 2 Municipalities

Subpart 2 Organization and Interlocal Corporation

30-A M.R.S.A. § 2201. Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to permit public agencies, as defined in section 2202, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, school administrative units and state agencies, to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of communities.

30-A M.R.S.A. § 2202. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Public agency. "Public agency" means:

A. Any political subdivision of the State, as defined in section 2252, or any adjoining state; or

B. Repealed.

C. Any agency of State Government or the Federal Government.

30-A M.R.S.A. § 2252. "Political subdivision" defined

"Political subdivision" means any municipality, plantation, county, quasi-municipal corporation and special purpose district, including, but not limited to, any water district, sanitary district, hospital district, municipal transmission and distribution utility and school administrative unit. "School administrative unit" has the same meaning as found in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26.

30-A M.R.S.A. § 2203. Joint exercise of powers

Any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this State, or of the Federal Government to the extent that federal laws permit the joint exercise. When acting jointly with any public agency, any agency of State Government may exercise all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency.

1. Agreement. Any 2 or more public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action under this chapter. The governing bodies of the participating public agencies must take appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or other action under law before any such agreement may become effective.