

State of New Hampshire Statutes

Title III Towns, Cities, Village Districts and Unincorporated Places

Chapter 53-A Agreements Between Government Units

53-A:1 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to permit municipalities and counties to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other municipalities and counties 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 local communities.

53-A:2 Public Agency Defined.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "public agency" shall mean any political subdivision of this state or of any adjoining state and any quasimunicipal corporation, including but not limited to school districts, village districts, regional water districts, and special districts.

53-A:3 Joint Exercise of Powers.

Any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state may be exercised jointly with any other public agency of this state. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, the power to enter into agreements to share tax revenues resulting from local economic development efforts and with respect to cities and towns, the power to form the entities and conduct the activities provided for in RSA 162-G.

1. Any 2 or more public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action pursuant to this chapter. Appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or other action pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force.