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House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

**An Act To Allow Municipalities To Determine the Duration of  
Development Districts Funded by Assessments**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of  
Orrington, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FECTEAU of Biddeford, SCHNECK of Bangor, TIPPING  
of Orono.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §5224, sub-§2, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 184, §3, is  
3 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 H. The duration of the development district, subject to the following conditions:

5 (1) A development district that is a tax increment financing district may not  
6 exceed a total of 30 tax years beginning with the tax year in which the  
7 designation of the development district is effective pursuant to section 5226,  
8 subsection 3 or, if specified in the development program, the subsequent tax year;  
9 and

10 (2) A development district that is funded by assessments under section 5228 and  
11 that is not a tax increment financing district is not limited in duration unless a  
12 limitation on duration is established by the legislative body of the municipality or  
13 plantation adopting the development program. Any limitation in the duration of a  
14 development district that is not a tax increment financing district and that is  
15 established by the legislative body of the municipality or plantation may later be  
16 extended by the legislative body; and

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides local control to municipalities over the duration of municipal  
19 development districts that are funded by assessments and are not tax increment financing  
20 districts. Municipal development districts that are tax increment financing districts  
21 continue to be subject to the 30-year duration limitation under current law.