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This bill is not the original bill that was to be considered during this session. The title as well as the verbiage has been changed. Isn't this unconstitutional according to Maine's Constitution?

This revised Bill voids local Land Use ordinances and removes municipality Home Rule authority. Towns should continue to decide what gets built in our communities and backyards, not Augusta, and definitely not out of state renewable energy companies seeking to destroy our rural land, forests, agricultural land, scenic and historic sites and our backyards for their benefit. This bill is nothing but a way for these businesses to circumvent local ordinances that were put into place to protect what they are seeking to destroy. Towns that already have, or are ready to implement ordinances, governing wind, solar, transmission lines and power storage ordinances have devoted hours in researching the topic and seeking out the best way for their respective communities to prevent adverse impacts and establishing parameters while promoting growth for their respective municipalities. From what I've read, towns and municipalities aren't telling renewable energy companies that they can't build infrastructure in or through their towns, their ordinances are just telling them what the requirements are in order for them to do so. Please abide by Maine's Constitution regarding Home Rule authority, and listen to those who have created town ordinances (select boards, ordinance committees, planning boards and voters) and vote aught not to pass.