

LD 1739: Sponsor's Amendment (to replace)
May 9, 2023

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5224, sub-§2, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 3140, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) A development district that is a tax increment financing district may not exceed a total of 30 tax years beginning with the tax year in which the designation of the development district is effective pursuant to section 5226, subsection 3 or, if specified in the development program, the subsequent tax year; ~~and, except that a district that is in effect as of January 1, 2023 may be extended up to an additional 30 years prior to the expiration of its original term if the district uses at least 51% of tax increment revenue captured during the extended term for affordable housing projects or transit-oriented development within the municipality. The use of tax increment revenue captured during the extended term of the development district shall be consistent with the authorized project costs set forth in section 5225, and may include costs associated with transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements. The extension of a development district shall be accomplished in the same manner as an amendment to a development district pursuant to section 5226, subsection 5. A district that is extended under this subparagraph may continue to use the original assessed value of the district.~~

For purposes of this subparagraph, "affordable housing" shall have the same meaning as section 5246(1); "transit-oriented development" shall have the same meaning as section 5222(21); and "original assessed value" shall have the same meaning as section 5222(13); and

SUMMARY

This bill allows a development district that is a tax increment financing district to be extended an additional 30 years if the district uses at least 51% of state tax increment revenue for affordable housing or transit-oriented development.