

## **ZONE 1**

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### **ME—Maine State Statutes State of Maine**

#### **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- b) Repealed.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.

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### **NH—New Hampshire State Statutes**

#### **State of New Hampshire**

#### **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.

l) 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.

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**VT—Vermont State Statutes**  
**State of Vermont**

**Title Twenty-Four Municipal and County Government**  
**Part 2. Municipalities**  
**Chapter 121 Intermunicipal Cooperation & Services**  
**Subchapter 4 Interlocal Contracts**

1 V.S.A. § 126. Municipality

"Municipality" shall include a city, town, town school district, incorporated school or fire district or incorporated village and all other governmental incorporated units.

24 V.S.A. § 4901. Authorization

a) Any one or more municipalities may contract with any one or more other municipalities to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each municipality entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform, provided that the legislative body of each municipality approves the contract, and expenses for such governmental service, activity, or undertaking are included in a municipal budget approved under 17 V.S.A. § 2664 or comparable charter provision.

b) If the interlocal contract is such that the participating municipalities or their legislative bodies, commissions, boards, officers or voters have the authority to enter into it, by virtue of any charter provision, statute, or the general authority of such municipality or its officers and bodies, then the procedures of this section for approval shall not be exclusive, it being the intent that the powers and procedures set forth herein for interlocal contracts are supplementary to any other powers or procedures heretofore or hereafter possessed by any municipality.

c) A municipality may submit an interlocal contract to the attorney general prior to approval by its legislative body. If such a contract is submitted, the attorney general shall determine whether the contract is in proper form and compatible with the laws of this state and notify the legislative body of the municipality of his or her determination. In the event that the attorney general does not respond to the request within 30 days after receipt of a copy of the contract, the legislative body may approve the contract.

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