

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 60

H. P. 51

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowden of Brooklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Converting Long Island Plantation into the Town of Frenchboro.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the voters of Long Island Plantation are desirous of holding a referendum to determine whether Long Island Plantation should be converted into the Town of Frenchboro; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the residents to vote on this matter at a meeting to be held as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Town of Frenchboro; incorporated. Long Island Plantation, with its inhabitants, is incorporated into a town by the name of Frenchboro. The inhabitants of this town are vested with the powers, privileges and immunities

which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town created shall take the effects belonging to Long Island Plantation and shall also assume all of its obligations.

Sec. 2. Legislative district. Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Frenchboro shall remain in the same legislative district in which Long Island Plantation is now classed.

Sec. 3. First meeting; how called. Upon acceptance of this Act by referendum as provided in section 4, the board of assessors of the plantation shall issue a warrant, in accordance with the general laws, for the first town meeting, to be held within 60 days of the referendum. Notification of the town meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 1 and 2.

Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall take effect immediately, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of the proposed Town of Frenchboro, voting by ballot at a special election to be held within 30 days after passage of this Act. This election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to Title 30, sections 2061 and 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1 and 2 of this Act to the following question: "Shall 'AN ACT Converting Long Island Plantation into the Town of Frenchboro,' as passed by the 109th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at this meeting, sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof at the first town meeting, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this Act at the meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes cast in the plantation for the office of Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the board of assessors of Long Island Plantation and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the incorporation of the Town of Frenchboro, upon approval by the voters of Long Island Plantation.

A referendum must be held no later than 30 days after the passage of this Act. If approved, the first town meeting must be held within 60 days of the referendum.