

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 163**

H. P. 145

House of Representatives, January 24, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Converting Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase.**

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

Whereas, the residents of the town wish to vote on converting Mount Chase Plantation into a town; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the residents to vote on this matter at a town meeting which may be held in 1979; and

Whereas, if the town approves the conversion, the provisions of this Act must become effective before the actual conversion may take place; and

Whereas, it is necessary that the conversion take place immediately after the vote of approval in order to avoid a possible delay after the approval which might have a negative effect on the ability of the residents of Mount Chase to organize a new town government; 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 Mount Chase incorporated.** Mount Chase Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Mount Chase. The inhabitants of the town are hereby vested with the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town hereby created shall take the effects belonging to Mount Chase Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

**Sec. 2. First meeting, how called.** The board of assessors of the plantation shall issue their warrant, in accordance with the general laws, for an annual or special meeting to be held within 2 years after the approval of this Act. Notification of the meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective dates of sections 1 and 3.

**Sec. 3. Legislative district.** Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Mount Chase shall remain in the same legislative district in which Mount Chase Plantation is now classed.

**Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of the proposed Town of Mount Chase voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose within 2 years after approval of this Act. This meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 30, sections 2061 to 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1 and 3 of this Act to the following question:

“Shall Mount Chase Plantation be Converted into the Town of Mount Chase?”

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 the meeting, sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof at that meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 3 of this Act at the meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes cast in the plantation at the last gubernatorial election.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to convert Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase.