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2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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8 H. P. 1784

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9 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Austin of Bingham.
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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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18 AN ACT Converting West Forks Plantation
19 into the Town of West Forks.
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21 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
22 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment
23 unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the voters of West Forks Plantation are desir-
25 ous of holding a referendum to determine whether West Forks
26 Plantation should be converted into the Town of West Forks;
27 and

28 Whereas, if the voters approve the referendum, it is
29 desirable to organize the new town government as soon as
30 possible so that the new Town of West Forks may begin to
31 govern itself in a manner that a majority of the voters have
32 chosen; and

1 Whereas, the actual incorporation cannot be accom-
2 plished until the provision of this Act takes effect; and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
4 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-
5 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
6 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

9 **Sec. 1. Town of West Forks, incorporated.** West Forks
10 Plantation, with its inhabitants, is incorporated into a
11 town by the name of West Forks. The inhabitants of this
12 town are vested with the powers, privileges and immunities
13 which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may
14 enjoy. The town created shall take the effects belonging to
15 West Forks Plantation and shall also assume all of its obli-
16 gations.

17 **Sec. 2. Legislative district.** Until the next legis-
18 lative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of West
19 Forks shall remain in the same legislative district in which
20 West Forks Plantation is now classed.

21 **Sec. 3. First meeting; how called.** Upon acceptance of
22 this Act by referendum as provided in section 4, the board
23 of assessors of the plantation shall issue a warrant, in ac-
24 cordance with the general laws, for the first town meeting,
25 to be held within one year after passage of this Act. Noti-
26 fication of the town meeting shall be filed by the
27 plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining
28 the effective date of sections 1 and 2.

29 **Sec. 4. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State.**
30 The board of assessors of the plantation shall submit this
31 Act to the legal voters within the territory embraced within
32 the limits of the proposed Town of West Forks, by ballot at
33 a regular or special election to be held within one year
34 after passage of this Act. This election shall be called,
35 advertised and conducted according to Title 30, sections
36 2061 and 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the re-
37 quired ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter
38 of sections 1 and 2 of this Act to the following question.

39 "Shall West Forks Plantation be incorporated into the
40 Town of West Forks?"

