

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 256

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7 H.P. 222

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Reference to the Committee on State Government suggested and ordered
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative Masterman of Milo and Senator Pray of
12 Penobscot.

13 STATE OF MAINE

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Designate "Pertica quadrifaria" the
18 Official Fossil of the State of Maine.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 1 MRSA §216 is enacted to read:

23 §216. State fossil

24 "Pertica quadrifaria" shall be designated as the
25 official fossil of the State of Maine.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 Maine currently has an official state tree, ani-
28 mal, bird, flower, insect, fish and mineral, but not
29 an official state fossil. A growing number of states
30 are naming official fossils to increase awareness of
31 their state's natural history. "Pertica quadrifaria,"

1 one of the earliest land plants known would be an
2 ideal official fossil for Maine. Remains of this in-
3 ternationally significant 400 million year old plant
4 are found at only 3 places in the world other than
5 Maine.

6 Designation of "Pertica quadrifaria" as the state
7 fossil would substantially raise public awareness of
8 the age and significance of Maine's geologic setting.

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