

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SPECIAL SESSION-2004

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Legislative Document

No. 1925

H.P. 1425

House of Representatives, March 16, 2004

### **An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 5, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Cross Lake**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, JACKSON of Fort Kent, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,  
SMITH of Van Buren, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WOTTON of Littleton, YOUNG of  
Limestone, Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

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6           **Whereas,** this legislation proposes a referendum to ratify  
changing the name of the unorganized area referred to currently  
as Township 17, Range 5, WELS, and located in Aroostook County to  
8 Cross Lake. The proposal results from the desires of residents  
of the township to preserve the area's identity and to provide  
10 efficiency for postal services and emergency 9-1-1 response; and

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

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

20           **Sec. 1. Cross Lake.** Wherever the designation Township 17,  
Range 5, WELS, appears or reference is made to that unorganized  
22 territory, that designation or reference means Cross Lake.

24           **Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification.** This Act must be submitted  
to the legal voters residing in the unorganized territory of  
26 Township 17, Range 5, WELS, in Aroostook County. The date of the  
submission must be determined by the Aroostook County Board of  
28 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after  
adjournment of the Second Special Session of the 121st  
30 Legislature. The Aroostook County commissioners are authorized  
to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

32           The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the  
34 required ballots, on which they shall state the subject matter of  
this Act in the following question:

36           "Do you favor changing the name of Township 17, Range 5,  
38 WELS, to Cross Lake?"

40           The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed  
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question.

42           This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a  
44 majority of the legal voters voting at the election.

46           The result of the election must be declared by the Aroostook  
County commissioners and due certificate filed with the Secretary  
48 of State.

2           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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### SUMMARY

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8           This bill authorizes the Aroostook County commissioners to  
seek approval from the residents of Township 17, Range 5, WELS,  
to rename the township Cross Lake.