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S.P. 898

In Senate, February 10, 2026

An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County

Reported by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 436, section 6.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 436, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Western Aroostook.** Western Aroostook consists of the municipalities and
5 unorganized territory known as ~~Hamlin Plantation, Cyr Plantation, T17 R3, Grand Isle, T17~~
6 R4, T16 R5, T15 R6, Winterville Plantation, T15 R8, T15 R9, T14 R10, T14 R11, T14
7 R12, T14 R13, T14 R14, T14 R15, T14 R16 and all municipalities and unorganized
8 territory in Aroostook County lying to the west and north of these. The District Court for
9 Western Aroostook must be held at Fort Kent.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to
12 Public Law 2025, chapter 436, section 6.

13 Public Law 2025, chapter 436 authorized closure of the Madawaska District Court. It
14 further authorized the Chief Judge of the District Court to reallocate any municipality or
15 unorganized territory between the Western Aroostook and Eastern Aroostook judicial
16 divisions for the convenience of the public. This bill codifies in statute the geographic
17 boundaries between the Western Aroostook division, served by the Fort Kent District
18 Court, and the Eastern Aroostook division, served by the Caribou District Court, that were
19 established by the Chief Judge and that took effect upon closure of the Madawaska District
20 Court on November 1, 2025.