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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Town of Wallagrass; incorporated. Wallagrass Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Wallagrass. 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 Wallagrass 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 meeting to be held at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in 1977. Notification of such meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 1 and 3.

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

Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved but only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of Wallagrass voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose concurrent with the regular 1977 town meeting. 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 ‘An Act Converting Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass,’ passed by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?” 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 said meeting, sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof at the annual meeting in 1977; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 3 of this Act at said 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 Wallagrass Plantation and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective March 22, 1977

CHAPTER 10

AN ACT to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County.

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

Sec. 1. Annexation. The Town of Otisfield is hereby removed from Cumberland County and annexed to and made part of Oxford County.

Sec. 2. Obligations to Cumberland County. The existing bonded indebtedness of the Town of Otisfield to the County of Cumberland shall be determined in a just and equitable manner by the commissioners of Cumberland County and the selectmen of Otisfield upon the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. Obligations to Oxford County. All obligations of the Town of Otisfield to the County of Oxford shall begin and shall be prorated as of the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 4. County seat. The Town of Paris shall remain the county seat of the County of Oxford.

Referendum. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of Otisfield at a special town meeting to be called by municipal officials and held on the 4th Tuesday in June, 1977. Warrants shall be issued for this town meeting in the manner now provided by law for the holding of town meetings, notifying the qualified voters of Otisfield to meet to vote on the approval or rejection of this Act.

The town clerk of Otisfield shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

“Shall ‘An Act to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County,’ as passed by the 108th Legislature, be accepted?”

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

The results of the vote in Otisfield shall be declared by the municipal officers of that town and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk of Otisfield with the Secretary of State.

This Act shall be deemed approved by the Town of Otisfield upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of that town voting at that election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act in that town at that election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in that town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

If this Act is deemed approved by the Town of Otisfield, it shall be submitted to the legal voters of Oxford County at a special election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1977. The Oxford County Board of Commissioners is authorized to expend those funds which are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question:

"Shall 'An Act to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County,' as passed by the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

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

The results of the vote in Oxford County shall be declared by the Oxford County Board of Commissioners and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act shall be deemed approved by Oxford County upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters at that election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial election in Oxford County.

If the Town of Otisfield and the County of Oxford approve this Act, the Act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 11

AN ACT Eliminating the Requirement of January Annual Meetings by the Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of the Diocese of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. P & SL 1869, c. 180, § 2, as last amended by P & SL 1921, c. 22, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 2. Meetings shall be held at such time as parish shall designate. Said agreement shall also contain, first, the name or title by which the parish shall be known, which shall be as follows, namely: The rector, wardens and vestrymen of _____ church in _____; but no parish shall be organized in any town or city, bearing the same name with any other Protestant Episcopal church already organized therein; second, the town or city and county in which it is located; third, the number of vestrymen, not exceeding eleven, and the time of the annual meeting, which shall be at such time as such parish shall designate.

Sec. 2. P & SL 1869, c. 180, § 7, as last amended by P & SL 1921, c. 22, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 7. Meetings to be held at such time as parish shall designate. The annual meeting shall take place at such time as such parish shall designate, and at such annual meeting an election of the requisite number of wardens and vestrymen shall be had, to serve until the next annual meeting, and until their successors shall be chosen.