

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
AT THE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 4, 1978 to April 6, 1978

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
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The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at that meeting, sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all of their purposes at the annual meeting in 1978, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act at that meeting equals or exceeds 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 the Plantation of Beaver Cove and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

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

Effective January 31, 1978

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## CHAPTER 88

### **AN ACT to Allow the Town of Otisfield to Meet its Obligations to Cumberland County for Existing Bonded Indebtedness Through a Lump Sum Payment.**

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

Whereas, the Town of Otisfield, pursuant to Private and Special Law 1977, chapter 10, and pursuant to a special referendum held on December 5, 1977, will be annexed to Oxford County on July 1, 1978; and

Whereas, Otisfield currently has an obligated bonded indebtedness to Cumberland County which must be defined and settled before annexation to avoid confusion in the tax policies and finances of Otisfield, Oxford County and Cumberland County; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this Act to define that indebtedness and to provide for its settlement before the annexation takes place; and

Whereas, for this Act to define and settle that indebtedness before annexation, it must take effect before July 1, 1978, and thus must be enacted as emergency legislation; and

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

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

**Town of Otisfield; lump sum payment.** The selectmen of the Town of Otisfield may in their discretion elect to meet the town's obligations to Cumberland County for existing bonded indebtedness through a lump sum payment. If the selectmen of the Town of Otisfield make that election, the County Commissioners of Cumberland County shall accept that lump sum payment. The amount of that lump sum payment shall be \$22,940 and shall be paid on or before July 1, 1978.

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

Effective February 15, 1978

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## CHAPTER 89

### AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Food and Farmland Study Commission.

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

Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature enacted P & S L 1977, c. 65, "An Act to Establish the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission," in order to protect the food production capability of the State and to encourage greater food and agricultural self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, it is vital to the commission that, in its deliberations, it have the assistance of the State Planning Office through membership of the Director of the State Planning Office on the commission; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this bill to place the Director of the State Planning Office on the commission immediately in order to enable the commission to properly carry on and complete its deliberations and recommendations by the beginning of the 109th Legislature; and

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

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

**Sec. 1.** P&SL 1977, c. 65, § 1, first sentence is amended to read:

In order to protect the food production capability of the State, to provide consumers with ready access to wholesome, locally-produced food products and to