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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**AN ACT** Converting the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream into the Town  
of Grand Lake Stream.

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

Whereas, the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream, located on Grand Lake in Washington County, being world famous for beautiful scenery and noted for excellent salmon fishing in Grand Lake, is now deemed to be in danger of spoilage ; and

Whereas, substandard buildings are being constructed on leased lands on the shores of Grand Lake ; and

Whereas, zoning laws are needed to control construction and stop building congestion in this area ; and

Whereas, there is only one road from Route 1 to Grand Lake Stream which is heavily forested on both sides and a dangerous fire hazard is being created by the construction of these substandard buildings ; and

Whereas, the nearest fire department is located 12 miles away ; and

Whereas, the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream must be organized as a town in order to adopt the zoning ordinances required ; 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. Town of Grand Lake Stream, incorporated.** The Plantation of Grand Lake Stream, with the inhabitants therein, is incorporated into a town by the name of Grand Lake Stream. The inhabitants of said town are 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 the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

**Sec. 2. First meeting, how called.** Any justice of the peace in the County of Washington may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream, directing him to notify the inhabitants to meet at a place specified in said warrant and at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in March, 1969, giving at least 7 days' notice therefor, for the choice of town officers and to transact such business as towns are authorized to do.

**Sec. 3. Referendum; effective date; emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of Grand Lake Stream, voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for the purpose within 12 months of the effective date of this Act. The meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of assessors in said proposed Town of Grand Lake Stream shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the plantation clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session on the day of election and on such additional days thereto as they may determine. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Converting the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream into the Town of Grand Lake Stream,' passed by the 104th 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, this Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof at the annual meeting in March, 1969; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of the qualified voters within said territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the board of assessors of the Plantation of Grand Lake Stream, and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.