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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 504

H. P. 394 House of Representatives, January 29, 1969
Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Improve the Management of the Indian Township Forest Resources and Passamaquoddy Trust Funds.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4834, repealed and replaced. Section 4834 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

§ 4834. Indian Township forest resources ; Passamaquoddy trust funds

The Forest Commissioner, with the consent of the 2 Passamaquoddy tribal governors and tribal councils may sell to the best advantage of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, at public or private sale, to a citizen of the State, the timber and grass from township numbered 2 on the St. Croix River, called Indian Township, expressly retaining in the written contract of sale a lien on the timber and grass cut, until the amount due for stumpage thereon is paid. Every surveyor appointed by said Forest Commissioner to scale or survey the lumber so sold, before entering on his duties, shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his trust, and shall file a certificate of his oath with the commissioner.

At the end of each fiscal year 40% of the net income from Indian Township for the preceding 12 months shall be transmitted to each of the Indian Township tribal council's and Pleasant Point tribal council's tribal accounts, for use as said councils see fit. Payments from said accounts of said income shall be made by the respective tribal clerk in accordance with the vote of the respective tribal council. The remaining 20% of such net annual income shall be placed in the Passamaquoddy Tribe Trust Funds. At the end of each fiscal year, the interest on said trust funds shall be transferred to the Passamaquoddy Tribe Trust Funds.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

These amendments would involve the Passamaquoddy tribal leaders in the management of the forest resources of Indian Township and would eliminate improper expenditures of income and disposition of interest. In addition, they would provide each Passamaquoddy tribal council with annual funds for tribal improvements.

Loss of revenue to the State would be approximately \$5,270, consisting of \$4,247.51 interest for 1968 and \$1,020 annual fire prevention payment.