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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Incorporate the Town of Flagstaff.

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

Sec. 1. Town of Flagstaff, incorporated. The unorganized territory located in Somerset County and consisting of that part of Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR which lies southerly or easterly of the thread of the Dead River as said thread existed prior to the erection of a dam on said river at Long Falls, so called, and that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, the "North One-Half" or "Bigelow Township", so called, with the inhabitants therein, is incorporated into a town by the name of Flagstaff. 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 created shall take the effects belonging to the former Plantations of Dead River, now Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR, and Bigelow, now that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, and which have not heretofore been legally disposed of by the State or by the County of Somerset.

Sec. 2. Responsibility of State. The State of Maine shall assume responsibility for any outstanding indebtedness at the time of incorporation, and thereafter neither the Town of Flagstaff nor the inhabitants therein shall be deemed responsible for any obligations incurred prior to these dates. As of the effective date of incorporation, the State shall turn over and deliver to the Town of Flagstaff all funds, including funds of the ministerial and school funds, belonging to the former Plantations of Dead River, now Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR, and Bigelow, now that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, that remain after payment of outstanding indebtedness.

Sec. 3. Town required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District. After the effective date of this Act, the Town of Flagstaff shall be required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District.

Sec. 4. Legislative district. Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Flagstaff shall remain in the same legislative district in which the unorganized territory located in Somerset County and consisting of said Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR and that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, is now classed.

Sec. 5. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the unorganized territory consisting of that part of Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR which lies southerly or easterly from the thread of the Dead River as said thread existed prior to the erection of a dam on said river at Long Falls, so called, and that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County at an election to be called and held in said territory. Upon receipt of written notice, and only upon receipt of such notice, from the manager or acting manager of the Maine Recreation Authority that the Federal Aeronautics Administration has given its approval for the construction of an airport somewhere within the unorganized territory consisting of Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR and that part of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, the Secretary of State shall call, hold and conduct such election on any 4th Monday in October during the 5 years next following 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature in the same manner as local option elections in unorganized territory are conducted in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 28, section 103, except that no petition for said election shall be required and said election may be held although the number of persons shown by returns of the State Tax Assessor in said part of Township 3, Range 3 BKP WKR which lies southerly or easterly of the thread of the Dead River, as said thread existed prior to the erection of a dam on said river at Long Falls, so called, and the North One-Half so called of Township 4, Range 3 BKP WKR located in Somerset County, is less than 20.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election, provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act, equals or exceeds 50% of the total number of qualified voters in said unorganized territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and certificate thereof filed by him in his office.