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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Validating Certain Proceedings at Town Meeting of Winslow.**

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**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 Winslow is and since March 10, 1969, has been acting under a council-manager charter enacted as chapter 7 of the private and special laws of 1969, and accepted by the voters in said town at an election held March 10, 1969, as provided in chapter 7; and

Whereas, doubt exists whether the warrant or warrants issued in connection with said town meeting and election of March 10, 1969, complied with the applicable requirements of law, particularly in respect of the failure to notify the voters as to the subject matter of questions to be voted upon by referendum, thus raising doubts about the validity of the adoption of said council-manager charter and the town's ability to function under it; 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:

**Proceedings validated.** The proceedings taken in the Town of Winslow on March 10, 1969, to adopt the council-manager charter enacted by the private and special laws of 1969, chapter 7, are hereby confirmed, validated and made effective and said Town of Winslow shall exist and operate under said

charter as amended by the private and special laws of 1970, chapter 225, without the necessity of further proceedings in said town.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.