

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1216

H. P. 896

House of Representatives, February 26, 1971

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
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Authorizing the Transfer of Lands in Indian Township and
Pleasant Point Reservations to the Passamaquoddy Tribe.**

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

Transfer of lands to Passamaquoddy Tribe. The Attorney General shall prepare a release deed from the State for the signature of the Governor of the State conveying the lands in Indian Township and Pleasant Point Reservations to the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

The deed shall provide that the tribe shall not lease for more than 10 years nor sell to other than a member of the tribe therein without the approval of the Governor of the State, Executive Council, the appropriate tribal governor and tribal council. Any lease for 10 years or less shall have no renewal clause and shall be negotiated and signed by the appropriate tribal governor with the approval of the appropriate tribal council.

The deed shall not include the so-called alienated lands in Indian Township. The Passamaquoddy Tribe is authorized to institute proper court action for the sole purpose of determining the title to those so-called alienated lands.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Increasing self government for the Indian tribes of Maine is an important goal. This legislation would advance that goal by deeding land now held in trust by the State to the Passamaquoddy Tribe.