

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 205

House of Representatives, January 18, 1973

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Lands on Indian Township, Washington County,
Acquired by the State.

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

R. S., T. 36, § 1283, amended. Section 1283 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 271 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph 2 new paragraphs to read as follows:

Whenever the State acquires title to lands on Indian Township in Washington County assessed for any state, county and forestry district taxes, the State Tax Assessor shall convey such lands to the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe to be held by the tribe in the same manner other Passamaquoddy tribal lands are held.

Whenever the Passamaquoddy Tribal Council on either of the tribe's reservations or whenever the Passamaquoddy Housing Authority on either of the tribe's reservations or whenever any other agency of the tribal government acquires land either by purchase or otherwise, such lands shall be held by the tribe or its agencies in the same manner as other Passamaquoddy tribal lands are held.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Some confusion has arisen at times as to the status of lands acquired by the tribe through purchase. This statute would settle this question as well as provide a means for the gradual return of some of the alienated lots on Indian Township to Passamaquoddy tribal ownership.