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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H. P. 515, L. D. 681, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Create Hospital Administrative District No. 1  
in Piscataquis, Somerset and Penobscot Counties."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the title the figure  
"1" and inserting in place thereof the figure '4'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting  
clause the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature  
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of  
the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a regional hospital is vitally necessary at the  
earliest possible time to service the needs of the area; 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, '

Further amend said Bill in the 7th line of section 1  
(6th line in L. D.) by inserting after the word "Dexter,"  
the following: 'Corinna, '

Further amend said Bill in the 11th line of section 1  
(9th line in L. D.) by striking out the figure "1" and  
inserting in place thereof the figure '4'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 12  
the following section:

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'Sec. 13. Review. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the district is not empowered to undertake any project authorized by this Act unless, prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes hereunder, the district certifies that such project has been reviewed and approved by the State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency and the Penobscot Valley Regional Health Agency or any successor agencies thereto.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 14. Acceptance subject to referendum. This Act shall take effect only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the towns and plantations enumerated in section 1 hereof at regular or special meetings called and held for that purpose before January 1, 1975. Such town and plantation meetings shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the registrars of voters shall not be required to prepare, nor the clerks to post, new lists of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters said registrars of voters shall be in session on the secular day next preceding said regular or special meetings.

The municipal clerks shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall the Act Creating Hospital Administrative District No. 4, passed by the 106th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No"

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their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon acceptance by any 4 of the towns and plantations enumerated in section 1 hereof, provided that the towns so voting approval shall include any 2 of the following, namely: Guilford, Dover-Foxcroft, Milo or Dexter; but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at each of said town or plantation meetings so accepting equaled or exceeded 15% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in said town or plantation at the next preceding gubernatorial election, but failure of approval by the necessary percentage of voters at any such meetings shall not prevent a subsequent meeting or meetings to be held for said purpose on or before January 1, 1975. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns or plantations and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town or plantation clerks with the Secretary of State.

If this Act takes effect by the acceptance as outlined in the preceding paragraph and one or more of the other towns or plantations fails to accept the same, the district shall not include the territory and inhabitants of such other town or plantation and such town or plantation shall have no right to be represented by a director on the board nor be entitled to the benefits hereof. It shall, however, have all the rights as though it had originally accepted this Act, if it does so accept this Act before January 1, 1975.'

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Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following:

'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 amendment is to change the district number and also to provide that some of the larger towns have a say in the creation. This amendment is also for clarification purposes.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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