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H. P. 993   House of Representatives, March 6, 1973
    Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.
                                        E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk
    Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Organization of Unincorporated Townships.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 5601, repealed and replaced. Section 5601 of Title
30 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place
thereof:

§ 5601. Census of larger unincorporated townships

Any unincorporated township may, by petition of 20% or more of the in-
habitants thereof qualified to vote for Governor, require the commissioners
for the county to determine from the United State Census, and by actual
enumeration when not so taken by census, whether the township has less
than 200 inhabitants and make a suitable description and designation thereof
and return them to the Secretary of State, to be by him recorded.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 5602, amended. The first sentence of section 5602
of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Immediately after making the return provided by section 5601, said commis-
sioners shall, with the consent of a majority of such petitioners, issue if they
deem it feasible their warrant to one of the principal inhabitants of each of
such unincorporated townships, commanding him to notify the inhabitants
thereof qualified to vote for Governor, to assemble on a day and at a place
named in the warrant, to choose a moderator, clerk, 3 assessors, treasurer,
collector of taxes, constable, superintending school committee and other
necessary plantation officers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to abolish the 5-year population determination requirement under section 5601 and to provide a means whereby the will of the people can be expressed in organizing and declaring a township.