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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 218**

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S. P. 78

In Senate, January 16, 1975

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Corson of Somerset.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Annex Township 4, Range 2 to the Town of Carrabassett Valley.**

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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, it is of concern that the people of the State of Maine be allowed to govern themselves on a local level; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this legislation to allow the inhabitants of the town and township concerned to join in the governing of their own affairs, and desirable that the referenda for ratification of the proposed annexation be permitted as soon as possible; and

Whereas, prompt passage of this legislation would insure full participation of the inhabitants of T4R2 in the 1975 annual town election of the Town of Carrabassett Valley; 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:

**Sec. 1. T4R2 annexed to Carrabassett Valley.** The unorganized territory consisting of Township 4 Range 2 of the townships on the west side of the Kennebec River, within the Bingham Kennebec Purchase, in Franklin County, is annexed to the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The inhabitants thereof are subject to the duties and requirements and are vested with the powers, privi-

leges and immunities which the inhabitants of the Town of Carrabassett Valley are subject to enjoy. All real and personal property and all other effects belonging to the township are hereby conveyed to the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

**Sec. 2. Responsibility of State.** The State of Maine shall assume responsibility for any outstanding indebtedness of the township at the time of annexation and thereafter neither the Town of Carrabassett Valley nor the inhabitants therein shall be responsible for obligations incurred prior to the time of annexation.

**Emergency clause; effective date; referendum; certificate to Secretary of State.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Town of Carrabassett Valley and the legal voters of Township 4, Range 2, R.K.P., W.K.R. at separate elections called and held in the town and the township on the 25th day of February, 1975. Such elections shall be called, held and conducted by the Secretary of State in the same manner as local option elections under Title 28 are conducted in the town and township respectively, except that no petitions for the elections shall be required.

This Act shall take effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of the town voting in its election and a majority of the legal voters of the township voting in its election, provided the number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act in each election equals or exceeds 30% of the total number of qualified voters in the town and township respectively.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and certificate thereof filed by him in his office.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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