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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1872

H. P. 1564

House of Representatives, May 2, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE**

AN ACT to Authorize the Town of St. George to Hold a Special Town Meeting in May, 1975, to Vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.

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

Whereas, the Town of St. George is heavily dependent upon the tourist industry; and

Whereas, the Town of St. George contains a hotel which is being renovated in order to more adequately serve tourists; and

Whereas, the Town of St. George has, at its town meeting held on March 10, 1975, voted to petition the Maine Legislature to seek permission to vote on certain local option liquor questions; and

Whereas, immediate resolution of these questions is of great importance to the St. George tourist industry during the summer months of 1975; 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:

Special election to consider local option questions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Town of St. George is hereby authorized to call and hold a special town meeting, in the usual manner for calling and holding

a town meeting, during the month of May or June for the purpose of voting on the following local option questions contained in Title 28, section 101, subsections 2, 4 and 11:

2. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises? (Hotel and Club and part-time Golf Courses)

4. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt liquors) to be consumed on the premises? (Beer and Ale in Restaurants, Hotels and Clubs and part-time Golf Courses)

11. Shall the municipality or unincorporated place authorize the sale of liquor on Sunday in those licensed hotels, class A restaurants and clubs where liquor is permitted to be sold during the rest of the week or shall be so permitted by this election?

The Secretary of State shall, within 10 days after request of the Town Manager of St. George, or, if that position is vacant, of another appropriate town officer, prepare and furnish to the Town of St. George ballots in manner and form as prescribed in Title 21, section 702 for constitutional amendment or other questions, together with all such other forms including those for instructions and returns as are prescribed in Title 21.

The inhabitants of St. George shall vote by ballot on the above questions, those in favor voting "Yes" on their ballots and those opposed "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall canvass the same and the result shall be determined as provided in Title 21. The results of this vote shall be treated in the same manner and shall be deemed to have the same validity as a vote on these questions held under the provisions of Title 28.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill permits the Town of St. George to hold a special town meeting for the purposes of voting on certain local option questions concerning the sale of liquor.