

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-897)  
107TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1822, L.D. 1983, Bill,  
"AN ACT Converting Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of  
Wallagrass."

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting at the end,  
before the period, the following:

'and Converting New Canada Plantation into the Town of New  
Canada'

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

'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 plantations concerned to join in the  
governing of their own affairs; and

Whereas, it is extremely desirable that the referenda  
for ratification be permitted as soon as possible; 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 section 2 by striking out in the 4th line (same in L.D.) the year "1977" and inserting in place thereof the year '1976'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'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 territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of Wallagrass, voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for the purpose on a date consistent with the normal annual meeting in 1976. This meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to Title 30, sections 2061 to 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1 and 3 of this Act to the following question;'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of the next to the last paragraph, before the Statement of Fact, (4th line in L.D.) the year "1977" and inserting in place thereof the year '1976'

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

Sec. 5. Town of New Canada, incorporated. New Canada Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of New Canada. The inhabitants of said town are hereby vested with the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town hereby created shall take the effects belonging to New Canada Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

Sec. 6. First meeting, how called. The board of assessors of the plantation shall issue their warrant, in accordance with the general laws, for an annual meeting to be held, at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in 1976. Notification of such meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 5 and 7.

Sec. 7. Legislative district. Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of New Canada shall remain in the same legislative district in which New Canada Plantation is now classed.

Sec. 8. 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 territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of New Canada, voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for the purpose

on a date consistent with the normal annual meeting in 1976. This meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to Title 30, sections 2061 to 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 5 and 7 of this Act to the following question:

Plantation

"Shall 'An Act Converting New Canada/into the Town of New Canada,' passed by the First Special Session of the 107th Legislature, be accepted?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting, sections 5 and 7 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof at the annual meeting in 1976; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 5 and 7 of this Act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes cast in the plantation at the last gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the board of assessors of the Plantation of New Canada and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds an emergency clause to the bill and provides for the conversion of the Plantation of New Canada into the Town of New Canada.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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of the House.  
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