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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 39, L.D. 56, Bill, "AN ACT Converting Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase."

Amend the Title by inserting at the end before the period the following: 'and Converting Westmanland Plantation into the Town of Westmanland'

Further amend the Bill by striking out the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the emergency preamble and inserting in their place the following:

'Whereas, the residents of the plantations wish to vote on converting Mount Chase Plantation and Westmanland Plantation into towns; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the residents to vote on this matter .t a town meeting which will be held in March, 1977; and'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact, the following:

- 'Sec. 5. Town of Westmanland incorporated. Westmanland Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Westmanland. 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 Westmanland Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.
- Sec. 6. First meeting, how called. The board of assessors f 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 1977. Notification

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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 Westmanland shall remain in the same legislative district in which Westmanland Plantation is now classed.

Sec. 8. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved but only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of Westmanland voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose concurrent with the regular 1977 town meeting in March. This meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the Revised Statutes of 1964, 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: "Shall 'An Act converting Westmanland Plantation into the Town of Westmanland,' passed by the 108th 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 1977; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 5 and 7 of this Act at said

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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 Westmanland and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to convert Westmanland Plantation into the Town of Westmanland.

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