

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 39

House of Representatives, January 11, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Converting Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase.

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

Whereas, the residents of the town wish to vote on Converting Mount Chase Plantation to a town; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the residents to vote on this matter at a town meeting which will be held on the 2nd Saturday in March, 1977; 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. Town of Mount Chase incorporated. Mount Chase Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Mount Chase. 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 Mount Chase Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

Sec. 2. 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 1977. Notification of such meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 1 and 3.

Sec. 3. Legislative district. Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Mount Chase shall remain in the same legislative district in which Mount Chase Plantation is now classed.

Sec. 4. 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 Mount Chase voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose concurrent with the regular 1977 town meeting on the 2nd Saturday 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 1 and 3 of this Act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act converting Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase,' 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 1 and 3 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 1 and 3 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 Mount Chase and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to convert Mount Chase Plantation into the Town of Mount Chase.