

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for  
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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton.

Cosponsors: Messrs. Immonen of West Paris, Twitchell of Norway.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Annexation.** The Town of Otisfield is hereby removed from Cumberland County and annexed to and made part of Oxford County.

**Sec. 2. Obligations to Cumberland County.** The existing obligations of the Town of Otisfield to the County of Cumberland shall be separated as of the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 3. Obligations to Oxford County.** All obligations of the Town of Otisfield to the County of Oxford shall begin and shall be prorated as of the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 4. County seat.** The Town of Paris shall remain the county seat of the County of Oxford.

**Referendum.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of Otisfield at a special town meeting to be called by municipal officials and held on the 4th Tuesday in June, 1977. Warrants shall be issued for this town meeting in the manner now provided by law for the holding of town meetings, notifying the qualified voters of Otisfield to meet to vote on the approval or rejection of this Act.

The town clerk of Otisfield shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Shall 'An Act to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County,' as 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 question.

The results of the vote in Otisfield shall be declared by the municipal officers of that town and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk of Otisfield with the Secretary of State.

This Act shall be deemed approved by the Town of Otisfield upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of that town voting at that election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act in that town at that election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in that town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

If this Act is deemed approved by the Town of Otisfield, it shall be submitted to the legal voters of Oxford County at a special election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1977. The Oxford County Board of Commissioners is authorized to expend those funds which are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question:

"Shall 'An Act to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County,' as 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 question.

The results of the vote in Oxford County shall be declared by the Oxford County Board of Commissioners and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act shall be deemed approved by Oxford County upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters at that election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial election in Oxford County.

If the Town of Otisfield and the County of Oxford approve this Act, the Act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes a referendum on the question of whether or not the Town of Otisfield should be removed from Cumberland County and annexed to Oxford County. If the referendum is successful in the Town of Otisfield and in Oxford County, the annexation of Otisfield to Oxford County would be effective July 1, 1978.