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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-76)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "a" to H.P. 543, L.D. 656, Bill, "AN  
ACT Converting Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass."

Amend the 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, the annual meeting time for the plantation is  
March 29th; and

Whereas, the plantation is prepared to vote on this issue  
this year and desires to decide this issue immediately; and

Whereas, this bill must be immediately enacted and have  
an immediately effective date to allow this vote to be taken;  
and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts  
create an emergency within 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 the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'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 Wallagrass voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose concurrent with the regular 1977 town meeting. 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 Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass,' passed by the first regular session of 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 Wallagrass Plantation and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment puts an emergency preamble and clause on this bill.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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