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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1190

H. P. 984

House of Representatives, March 23, 1977

Referred to Committee on Human Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fenlason of Danforth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize the Indian Township Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians to Establish a Reservation Constitution and Council By-laws to Govern Itself.

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

22 MRSA § 4841 is enacted to read:

§ 4841. Powers of tribal council

1. Establish a reservation constitution. The tribal council of the Indian Township Reservation of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians may establish and adopt a reservation constitution governing the rights and duties of tribal members living on that reservation.

2. Establish council by-laws. The Indian Township tribal council is further authorized to promulgate and establish council by-laws to regulate and govern the activities of the council and its members, including but not limited to, regulations concerning the removal of members from the council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There is currently no reservation constitution for the Indian Township Reservation of the Passamaquoddy Indians stating what rights and responsibilities tribal members possess. This bill would also permit the Indian Township tribal council to establish council by-laws regulating the council and its members. Presently the council has no authority to establish its own by-laws and cannot remove members who fail to perform adequately. This bill would authorize the Tribal Council to establish a constitution.