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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2003

H. P. 1930

Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Local and County Government suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Allow the Town of Otisfield to Meet its Obligations to Cumberland County for Existing Bonded Indebtedness Through a Lump Sum Payment.

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

Whereas, the Town of Otisfield, pursuant to Private and Special Law 1977, chapter 10, and pursuant to a special referendum held on December 5, 1977, will be annexed to Oxford County on July 1, 1978; and

Whereas, Otisfield currently has an obligated bonded indebtedness to Cumberland County which must be defined and settled before annexation to avoid confusion in the tax policies and finances of Otisfield, Oxford County and Cumberland County; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this Act to define that indebtedness and to provide for its settlement before the annexation takes place; and

Whereas, for this Act to define and settle that indebtedness before annexation, it must take effect before July 1, 1978, and thus must be enacted as emergency legislation; 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:

Town of Otisfield; lump sum payment. The selectmen of the Town of Otisfield may in their discretion elect to meet the town's obligations to Cumberland County for existing bonded indebtedness through a lump sum payment. If the selectmen of the Town of Otisfield make that election, the County Commissioners of Cumberland County shall accept that lump sum payment. The amount of that lump sum payment shall be \$20,000 and shall be paid on or before July 1, 1978.

Emergency clause: In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Town of Otisfield, pursuant to 1977 Private and Special Law, chapter 10, has been annexed to Oxford County. The bill makes it clear that the Town of Otisfield may settle its obligations to Cumberland County for existing bonded indebtedness through a lump sum payment.