

#### (EMERGENCY) FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

### **Legislative Document**

No. 426

H. P. 317 House of Representatives, February 7, 1979 On Motion of Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus, referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dudley of Enfield.

## STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

### AN ACT Converting Lakeville Plantation into the Town of Lakeville and Removing Lakeville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District.

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

Whereas, the voters of Lakeville Plantation are desirous of holding a referendum to determine whether Lakeville Plantation should be converted into the Town of Lakeville; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the residents to vote on this matter at a meeting to be held in March, 1979; 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 Lakeville incorporated. Lakeville Plantation, with its inhabitants, is incorporated into a town by the name of Lakeville. The inhabitants of that town are 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 Lakeville Plantation and shall also assume all of its obligations.

**Sec. 2. Removal from forestry district.** The Town of Lakeville shall be removed from the Maine Forestry District and shall not be liable for any tax levied because of inclusion within that district.

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

**Sec. 4. 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 in March, 1979. Notification of this meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 1, 2 and 3.

Sec. 5. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of the proposed Town of Lakeville voting by ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting held for that purpose at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in March, 1979. This meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 2061 and 2065. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act to the following question:

"Shall 'AN ACT Converting Lakeville Plantation into the Town of Lakeville and Removing Lakeville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District,' be accepted?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at that meeting, sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all of their purposes at the annual meeting in 1979, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act at that meeting equals or exceeds 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 Lakeville and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to convert Lakeville Plantation into the Town of Lakeville and to remove Lakeville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District. This bill will only become effective if approved by the voters of Lakeville Plantation.