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STATE OF MAINE
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(Filing No. H-513)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 710, L.D. 863, Bill, "AN ACT Converting the Unorganized Township of Edmunds into the Town of Edmunds."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the enacting clause.

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after section 2 and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 3. First meeting; how called. Upon acceptance of this Act by referendum as provided in section 6, the county commissioners of Washington County shall issue a warrant, in accordance with the general laws, for the first town meeting, to be held in March, April, May or June, 1980. Notification of the town meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

Sec. 4. Education; allocation. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall establish a basic education allocation for fiscal year 1980-81 for the Town of Edmunds consistent with the requirements of the School Finance Act of 1978, Title 20, Chapter 515.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §2356-G, sub-§1, Region 6, Washington County,
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as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, is amended to read:

Region 6. Washington County. Units located in this area are: Alexander; Baileyville; Baring Plt.; Beals; Beddington; Calais; Centerville; Charlotte; Cooper; Crawford; Deblois; Dennysville; Eastport; Edmunds; Grand Lake Stream Plt.; Jonesboro; Jonesport; Machias; Marshfield; Meddybemps; Northfield; No. 14 Plt.; No. 21 Plt.; Pembroke; Perry; Princeton; Robbinston; Roque Bluffs; Talmadge; Waite; Wesley; Whitneyville; S.A.D. No. 37 - Addison, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington and Milbridge; S.A.D. No. 19 - Lubec; S.A.D. No. 77 - Cutler, East Machias, Machiasport and Whiting.

Sec. 6. Referendum; 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 Edmunds by ballot at a special election to be held in November 1979.

This election shall be called, held and conducted by the Secretary of State in the same manner as local option elections in unorganized territory are conducted in accordance with Title 28, section 103, except that no petition for election shall be required. The subject matter of sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be reduced to the following question: "Shall the unorganized township of Edmunds be incorporated into the Town of Edmunds?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act shall be approved by a majority of the legal voters voting at the special election, provided that the total number

of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this Act at the election equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes cast in the unorganized township for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and certificate thereof shall be filed by him in his office.

Sec. 7. Effective date. Section 3 of this Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters at the special election. Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof on July 1, 1980.

~~STATEMENT OF FACT~~

This amendment removes the emergency and provides for a referendum to be held in November 1979. If approved, the first town meeting must be held between March and June, inclusive. The effective date of this Act will be July 1, 1980.

This amendment also provides for state allocation for education and places Edmunds in Maine Vocational Region #6, if Edmunds incorporates.