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No. 1039

H. P. 832

House of Representatives, March 5, 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. Barry of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Convert Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass.

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 immediate effective date to allow this vote to be taken; 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 Wallagrass incorporated. Wallagrass Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Wallagrass. The inhabitants of the town are hereby 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 Wallagrass Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

Sec. 2. 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 at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in 1979. Notification of the meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State for determining the effective date of sections 1 and 3.

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

Sec. 4. 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 Wallagrass voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for that purpose concurrent with the regular 1979 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 Wallagrass Plantation be Converted into the Town of Wallagrass?”

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 the meeting, sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof at the annual meeting in 1979; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 3 of this Act at the 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 with the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to convert Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass.