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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 42, L.D. 55, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Grant Falls
Plantation of its Organization."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, Grand Falls Plantation seeks deorganization;
and

Whereas, it is necessary that the deorganization take
effect prior to April 1, 1981, in order for the plantation
to avoid the necessity of electing officers and filling
positions for the plantation; 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 immedi-
ately 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Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §2356-G, sub-§1, 5th ¶, as repealed
and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, §1), is amended to read:

Region 4. SOUTHERN PENOBSCOT COUNTY. Units located in this area are: Alton; Amherst; Aurora; Bangor; Bradley; Brewer; Dedham; Glenburn; ~~Grand Falls Plt.~~ Great Pond Plt.; Greenbush; Greenfield; Hermon; Milford; Old Town; Orono; Orrington; Osborn Plt.; Veazie; S.A.D. No. 22-Hampden, Newburgh and Winterport; S.A.D. No. 23-Carmel and Levant; S.A.D. No. 38-Dixmont and Etna; S.A.D. No. 63-Clifton, Eddington and Holden; S.A.D. No. 64-Bradford, Corinth, Hudson, Kenduskeag and Stetson.

Sec. 2. Organization of Grand Falls Plantation may be surrendered. The organization of Grand Falls Plantation in Penobscot County as heretofore adopted is hereby surrendered; provided ← ——— → that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of the plantation shall survive for the purpose of prosecuting and defending all pending suits and causes of suits to which the plantation is, or may be, a party and all needful process growing out of the same, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments or debts which may ^{be} rendered against the plantation or exist in favor of any creditor.

Sec. 3. School funds. At the time this Act becomes effective, the treasurer of the plantation or such other person as may have custody of the funds of the plantation shall pay to the ~~Treasurer~~ of the Southern Penobscot County Regional Vocational Education Cooperative Board the amount of \$6,135.70 as the plantation's share of the debt of Vocational Region 4. The Region 4 Cooperative Board shall establish a separate account for this amount and shall act as paying agent for the plantation's share of the debt service so long as the current debt remains. Region 4 may retain any interest earned on the account.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on March 31, 1981.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this ^{amendment} / is to deorganize Grand Falls Plantation, Penobscot County. It has a state value of \$1,300,000, 100% state valuation, a valuation just completed. It is debt free, assets are in Northeast Bank of Lincoln and currently the population consists of 7 adults and 3 children. The population is so small that each adult inhabitant will have to fill several municipal offices if each office is to be filled. In some cases, this would result in a conflict of interest ~~not~~ permitted by state law. The plantation wishes to deorganize.

The amendment makes provision for removing Grand Falls Plantation from Vocational Education Region 4 and for paying the plantation's share of the ~~Region's~~ debt. It also removes the requirement of a referendum on deorganization from the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.