ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Representative Boyce of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning the Organization of Certain Unincorporated Townships.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5601, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 270, § 1, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 5601. Census of larger unincorporated townships

Commissioners of counties containing unincorporated townships shall, on or
before December 31, 1981 and on or before the expiration of every 5 years from
that date, determine from the United States Census, when taking the preceding
year, and by actual enumeration when not so taken by census, what townships
have 200 inhabitants or more and make a suitable description and designation
thereof and return them to the Secretary of State, to be by him recorded.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5602, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 270, § 2,
is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Immediately after making the return under section 5601, the commissioners
shall issue their warrant to one of the principal inhabitants of each unincorporated
township found to have 200 or more inhabitants, commanding him to notify the
inhabitants thereof qualified to vote for governor, to assemble on a day and at a
place named in the warrant, to choose a moderator, clerk, 3 assessors, treasurer,
collector of taxes, constable, school committee and other necessary plantation
officers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that when unincorporated townships reach a certain size they must organize. This will relieve the rest of the State from the burden of paying for educational and other services enjoyed by the unincorporated townships.