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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 784

7 H.P. 633

House of Representatives, February 16, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative McHenry of Madawaska referred to the
9 Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Chonko of Topsham.

Cosponsor: Representative Cahill of Woolwich.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Clarify and Establish the
18 Boundary Line Between the Town of Bowdoinham
19 and the Town of Bowdoin.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Boundary line between the Town of Bowdoinham and
24 the Town of Bowdoin. The boundary line between the
25 Town of Bowdoinham in the County of Sagadahoc, and
26 the Town of Bowdoin in the County of Sagadahoc, shall
27 commence on the north line of the Town of Topsham at
28 an old stone post found in the ground with the letter
29 "B" inscribed on the west side of that post, the post
30 being South 81 degrees 17 minutes East, a distance of
31 489.50 feet from an Interstate 95 highway monument on
32 the east side line of that highway at Station 906;
33 thence running North 12 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds
34 East from the old stone post and crossing Interstate
35 95, a distance of 4880.38 feet to an old stone post

1 found on the south side of the old Booker Road in the
2 gully near the old Booker place, the stone post hav-
3 ing the letter "L" inscribed on the north side of the
4 post; thence North 12 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds
5 East, a distance of 5053.59 feet to an 8 inch diame-
6 ter concrete post, with a "B" on the west and east
7 side, set to the north of Route 138 and to the south
8 of the old McIver Road, so-called; thence North 12
9 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of
10 2960.61 feet to an 8 inch diameter concrete post,
11 with a "B" on the west and east side, set to the
12 south of Route 125; thence North 12 degrees 31 min-
13 utes 25 seconds East a distance of 10,905.65 feet to
14 an 8 inch diameter concrete post, with a "B" on the
15 west and east side, set near the south line of the
16 Millay Road; thence North 12 degrees 31 minutes 25
17 seconds East a distance of 6283.53 feet to an 8 inch
18 diameter concrete post, with a "B" on the west and
19 east side, set near the south line of the Frost Road,
20 so-called; thence North 12 degrees 31 minutes 25
21 seconds East a distance of 7246.48 feet to an 8 inch
22 diameter concrete post, with a "B" on the west and
23 east side, set near the south line of the Hornbeck
24 Crossroad, so-called, at a point that is approxi-
25 mately 110 feet west of the center of the pavement of
26 U.S. Route 201; thence North 12 degrees 31 minutes 25
27 seconds East a distance of 1852.21 feet to an old
28 stone post found in a cairn at the southeast corner
29 of old meadow land, the post being at the west end of
30 the remains of an old stonewall and at the southwest
31 corner of the Town of Richmond, the post measures
32 approximately 498 feet westerly along the wall from
33 the center of the pavement of U.S. Route 201.

34 Meaning and intending to clarify and establish
35 the common Bowdoin-Bowdoinham town line as estab-
36 lished by the Legislature on June 13, 1821.

37 The bearings in the above description are based
38 on the Interstate 95 bearings system. The above de-
39 scribed boundary being the same shown on a survey
40 plan entitled Bowdoin-Bowdoinham Town Line Survey
41 dated December 14, 1982, for Bowdoin-Bowdoinham
42 Selectmen by Brian B. Smith L.S. #1175, to be
43 recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify and establish the boundary between the Town of Bowdoinham and the Town of Bowdoin.

The Town of Bowdoinham was incorporated in 1762, at which time the western boundary for the town was established by the Legislature.

The Town of Bowdoin was incorporated in 1788, at which time the eastern boundary for the Town of Bowdoin was established by the Legislature as the western boundary for the Town of Bowdoinham.

Confusion as to the actual location of the boundary resulted in a legislative resolve approved by the Legislature on March 8, 1821, appointing a committee to establish the line between the Towns of Bowdoinham and Bowdoin. The committee ran the boundary by course and distance and set up marks and monuments and the line run and marked by the committee was perambulated by Bowdoin and Bowdoinham in 1823. Only 3 stones are now known to exist on the line established in 1821. The report of the 1821 committee on course and distance description is not adequate to rerun the line with certainty. The Towns of Bowdoin and Bowdoinham have jointly hired a surveyor to have the line professionally run and the towns wish to clarify and establish a mutually acceptable exact location of the Bowdoin and Bowdoinham town line.

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