

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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. 1187  
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7 H.P. 908

House of Representatives, March 14, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Clam Regulation in  
18 the Unorganized Territories.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1977, c.  
23 661, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
24 place:

25 6. Municipality defined. For the purposes of  
26 this section, municipality includes:

27 A. Village corporations;

28 B. The combined towns of Yarmouth and North  
29 Yarmouth; and

30 C. Unorganized townships in which a majority of  
31 the inhabitants qualified to vote have voted, at

1 least 10 inhabitants have petitioned the county  
2 commissioners to adopt these ordinances, provided  
3 that the ordinances are approved at referendum by  
4 a majority of the inhabitants eligible to vote.  
5 The county commissioners shall act as the municipi-  
6 pal legislative body within unorganized townships  
7 that have elected to adopt ordinances under this  
8 section.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill authorizes unorganized townships to  
11 adopt shellfish conservation programs similar to pro-  
12 grams in organized municipalities. The county com-  
13 missioners will act as the municipal legislative  
14 body, provided that the majority of the inhabitants  
15 have voted to adopt a conservation program. Any  
16 necessary funding could be raised through the  
17 unorganized territories educational and services tax.

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