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L.D. 40

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 38, L.D. 40,
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Bustin's
Island Village Corporation."

Amend the bill by inserting before the Emergency
clause the following:

'Sec. 4. Referendum; acceptance of amendments.
These amendments to the charter of Bustin's Island
may be accepted within 2 years from the date of the
Act being approved by the Governor. Their rejection
during that period shall not prevent their acceptance
at a later time during that period, but any meeting
to vote on these amendments shall take place within
the months of July and August.

This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of
the corporation at a regular or special meeting of
the corporation, provided that the warrant calling
the meeting contains an appropriate article for that
purpose. The meeting shall be called and conducted
according to the law governing meetings of the corpo-
ration, except voting on the article relating to this
Act shall be accomplished by written ballot and vot-
ing by proxy shall not be allowed on this article,
but voting by absentee ballot in the form and manner
prescribed by law for municipal elections shall be
allowed.

The overseers shall prepare ballots upon which shall
be the question: "Do you favor amending the Bustin's
Island Corporation charter, as proposed by the Legis-
lature, to:

1. Relieve Freeport from having to perform mu-
nicipal services for the corporation; and

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1 2. Make the following changes with respect to
2 the corporation:

3 A. Return to it 60% of the real estate and
4 personal property taxes collected by the
5 town;

6 B. Authorize it to borrow money to fund mu-
7 nicipal services; and

8 C. Remove the limits on the taxes it may
9 assess and the indebtedness it may incur?"

10 If this Act is accepted by a majority of the legal
11 voters voting at such a meeting in person or by ab-
12 sentee ballot, and the total number of votes cast
13 equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes
14 cast in the last regular election of overseers, then
15 this Act shall take effect.

16 The result of the vote taken at the meeting shall be
17 declared in open meeting by the overseers and a cer-
18 tificate of the result of the meeting shall be filed
19 by the clerk with the Secretary of State.'

20 Further amend the bill by striking out the Emer-
21 gency clause and inserting in its place the follow-
22 ing:

23 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
24 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
25 proved by the Governor so far as to authorize the
26 calling of a meeting of the village corporation for
27 the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of these
28 charter amendments. Whenever these amendments shall
29 be accepted by a majority of the voters of the corpo-
30 ration at a legal meeting called for that purpose,
31 then the same shall take and have complete effect in
32 all their parts.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment requires the acceptance of the
3 charter amendments by the village corporation in or-
4 der for the Act to take effect.

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