

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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5 Legislative Document

No. 1008

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7 S.P. 374

In Senate, March 13, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down  
9 for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Stover of Sagadahoc.

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12 STATE OF MAINE

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

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17 AN ACT to Annex the Towns of Brunswick and  
18 Harpswell to Sagadahoc County.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. Annexation. The Towns of Brunswick and  
23 Harpswell are removed from Cumberland County and an-  
24 nexed to and made part of Sagadahoc County.

25 Sec. 2. Obligations to Cumberland County. The  
26 existing obligations of the Towns of Brunswick and  
27 Harpswell to the County of Cumberland shall be sepa-  
28 rated as of the effective date of this Act.

29 Sec. 3. Obligations to Sagadahoc County. All  
30 obligations of the Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell  
31 to the County of Sagadahoc shall begin and shall be  
32 prorated as of the effective date of this Act.

33 Sec. 4. County seat. The City of Bath shall re-  
34 main the county seat of the County of Sagadahoc.

1           Referendum. This Act shall take effect 90 days  
2 after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the  
3 purpose of permitting its submission to the legal  
4 voters in the Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell at the  
5 next regular municipal election, after the effective  
6 date of this Act, and warrants shall be issued for  
7 that election in the manner now provided by law for  
8 the holding of municipal elections, notifying and  
9 warning the qualified voters of the town to vote on  
10 the approval or rejection of this Act.

11           The town clerks of Brunswick and Harpswell shall  
12 prepare the required ballots, on which they shall re-  
13 duce the subject matter of this Act to the following  
14 question:

15                       "Shall the Town of (insert name of town vot-  
16                       ing on question) be annexed to Sagadahoc  
17                       County?"

18           The voters shall indicate by a cross or check  
19 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their  
20 opinion of the same.

21           This Act shall be deemed approved for the Town of  
22 Brunswick upon its acceptance by a majority of the  
23 legal voters of Brunswick voting at the election and  
24 this Act shall be deemed and approved for the Town of  
25 Harpswell upon its acceptance by a majority of the  
26 legal voters of Harpswell voting at that election,  
27 provided that the total number of votes cast for and  
28 against the acceptance of this Act in the town at the  
29 elections equals or exceeds 20% of the total votes  
30 for all candidates for Governor in the towns at the  
31 next previous gubernatorial election.

32           If the Town of Brunswick or the town of  
33 Harpswell, or both, approve this Act, it shall be  
34 submitted to the legal voters of Sagadahoc County in  
35 individual questions for each town at the general  
36 election in 1986. The Sagadahoc County Board of Com-  
37 missioners may expend such funds as are necessary to  
38 implement the referendum.

39           The county clerk shall prepare the required bal-  
40 lots on which he shall state the subject matter of  
41 this Act in a question for each town approving of  
42 this Act as follows:

1 "Shall the Town of (insert name of town  
2 which approved this Act) be annexed to  
3 Sagadahoc County?"

4 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check  
5 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their  
6 opinion of the same.

7 This Act shall take effect for either or both  
8 towns upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal  
9 voters voting at the election, provided that the to-  
10 tal number of votes cast for and against the accept-  
11 ance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total  
12 votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the  
13 next previous gubernatorial election in that county.

14 If the Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell approve  
15 this Act and the County of Sagadahoc approves this  
16 Act, as it applies to both towns the Act shall become  
17 effective January 1, 1987, if only one of the towns  
18 and the county approve this Act, the Act shall become  
19 effective January 1, 1987, but shall only apply to  
20 the town which approved this Act.

21 The results of the vote in each town shall be de-  
22 clared by the municipal officers of that town and due  
23 certificate thereof shall be filed by the respective  
24 town clerks of Brunswick and Harpswell with the Sec-  
25 retary of State and the results of the vote in the  
26 County of Sagadahoc shall be declared by the  
27 Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners and due cer-  
28 tificate thereof shall be filed by the county clerk  
29 with the Secretary of State.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the  
32 Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell to be annexed to  
33 Sagadahoc County.

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