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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1650

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9 S.P. 636

In Senate, June 10, 1985

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
11 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

13 Cosponsored by Representative Martin of Van Buren.

14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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19 AN ACT Converting Caswell Plantation into the  
20 Town of Caswell.  
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22 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the voters of Caswell Plantation are de-  
26 sirable of holding a referendum to determine whether  
27 Caswell Plantation should be converted into the Town  
28 of Caswell; and

29 Whereas, if the voters approve the referendum, it  
30 is desirable to organize the new town government as  
31 soon as possible so that the new Town of Caswell may  
32 begin to govern itself in a manner that a majority of  
33 the voters have chosen; and

34 Whereas, the actual incorporation cannot be ac-  
35 complished until this Act takes effect; and

1           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
6 therefore,

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

9           Sec. 1. Town of Caswell, incorporated. Caswell  
10 Plantation, with its inhabitants, is incorporated in-  
11 to a town by the name of Caswell. The inhabitants of  
12 this town are vested with the powers, privileges and  
13 immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the  
14 State do or may enjoy. The town created shall take  
15 the effects belonging to Caswell Plantation and shall  
16 also assume all of its obligation.

17           Sec. 2. Legislative district. Until the next  
18 legislative apportionment of Representatives, the  
19 Town of Caswell shall remain in the same legislative  
20 district in which Caswell Plantation is now classed.

21           Sec. 3. First meeting; how called. Upon accept-  
22 ance of this Act by referendum as provided in section  
23 4, the board of assessors of the plantation shall is-  
24 sue a warrant, in accordance with the general laws,  
25 for the first town meeting, to be held within one  
26 year after passage of this Act. Notification of the  
27 town meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk  
28 with the Secretary of State for determining the ef-  
29 fective date of sections 1 and 2.

30           Sec. 4. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of  
31 State. The board of assessors of the plantation shall  
32 submit this Act to the legal voters within the terri-  
33 tory embraced within the limits of the proposed Town  
34 of Caswell, by ballot at a regular or special elec-  
35 tion to be held within one year after passage of this  
36 Act. This election shall be called, advertised and  
37 conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
38 Title 30, sections 2061 and 2065. The plantation  
39 clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he  
40 shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1 and 2  
41 of this Act to the following question.

1 "Shall Caswell Plantation be incorporated into  
2 the Town of Caswell?"

3 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check  
4 mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their  
5 opinion of the same. This Act shall be approved by a  
6 majority of the legal voters voting at the election,  
7 provided that the total number of votes cast for and  
8 against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this  
9 Act at the election equaled or exceeded 50% of the  
10 total number of votes cast in the plantation for Gov-  
11 ernor at the last gubernatorial elections.

12 The result of the vote shall be declared by the  
13 board of assessors of Caswell Plantation and due cer-  
14 tificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with  
15 the Secretary of State.

16 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
17 in the preamble, section 3 of this Act shall take ef-  
18 fect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal  
19 voters at the election. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act  
20 shall take effect for all purposes at the first town  
21 meeting.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The purpose of this bill is to convert Caswell  
24 Plantation into the Town of Caswell.

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