

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1017, L.D. 1370,  
"AN ACT Allowing the Town of Island Falls to Annex  
Township 4, Range 3 WELS in Aroostook County. "

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3  
and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 3. Referendum. This Act shall take  
effect January 1, 1989, only if it has been approved  
by a majority of the legal voters of the Town of  
Island Falls and Township 4, Range 3 WELS in Aroostook  
County at a regular town meeting of the Town of Island  
Falls held anytime during 1988. Warrants shall be  
issued for that meeting in the manner now provided by  
law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying  
and warning the qualified voters of the town and the  
township of the vote on the approval or rejection of  
this Act.

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The subject matter of this Act shall be presented  
at the town meeting in the form of the following  
question:

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"Shall the Town of Island Falls annex Township 4,  
Range 3 WELS in Aroostook County?"

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This Act shall be considered approved for both the  
town and the township upon its acceptance by a  
majority of the combined legal voters of the 2

1 entities voting at the meeting, provided that the  
2 total number of votes cast for and against the  
3 acceptance of this Act at the election equals or  
4 exceeds 50% of the total votes cast for all candidates  
5 for Governor in the 2 entities at the last  
6 gubernatorial election.

7 If the number of votes cast is less than 50%, the  
8 question may be posed to the voters at a subsequent  
9 regular or special meeting within 1988. If the number  
10 of votes cast is 50% or more and the referendum fails,  
11 it may not be submitted again to the voters under the  
12 provisions of this Act.

13 The result of the votes shall be declared by the  
14 municipal officers of the town and due certificate  
15 thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the  
16 Secretary of State within 10 days of the date of the  
17 vote.

18 FISCAL NOTE

19 If enacted and approved by the voters of Island  
20 Falls and T4R3 WELS, this Act will require additional  
21 appropriations from the General Fund to the tree  
22 growth tax reimbursement program of approximately  
23 \$3,000, annually, beginning in fiscal year 1989-90.  
24 In addition, there would be a one-time reduction in  
25 school subsidies for fiscal year 1989-90 of  
26 approximately \$15,000. However, after that year,  
27 there would be no additional savings in the school  
28 subsidy account.'

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local  
31 Government had some concern as to the conduct of the  
32 referendum in the Town of Island Falls which preceded  
33 the original bill and also the fact that a referendum  
34 was not conducted in the township.

35 This amendment requires a new referendum including  
36 the voters of both entities involved. For the  
37 referendum to pass, the total number of votes cast  
38 must be equal to at least 50% of those cast at the

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1 last gubernatorial election and the referendum must be  
2 approved by a majority of those voting in the 2  
3 entities combined.

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