

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
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suggested and ordered printed.  
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.  
Cosponsored by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Converting West Forks Plantation into  
2 the Town of West Forks.  
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, the voters of West Forks Plantation are  
8 desirous of holding a referendum to determine whether  
9 West Forks Plantation should be converted into the  
10 Town of West Forks; and

11 Whereas, if the voters approve the referendum, it  
12 is desirable to organize the new town government as  
13 soon as possible so that the new Town of West Forks

1 may begin to govern itself in a manner that a majori-  
2 ty of the voters have chosen; and

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

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

11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
12 follows:

13 Sec. 1. Town of West Forks, incorporated. West  
14 Forks Plantation, with its inhabitants, is incorpo-  
15 rated into a town by the name of West Forks. The in-  
16 habitants of this town are vested with the powers,  
17 privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of  
18 towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town  
19 created shall take the effects belonging to West  
20 Forks Plantation and shall also assume all of its ob-  
21 ligations.

22 Sec. 2. Legislative district. Until the next  
23 legislative apportionment of Representatives, the  
24 Town of West Forks shall remain in the same legisla-  
25 tive district in which West Forks Plantation is now  
26 classed.

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

36 Sec. 4. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of  
37 State. The board of assessors of the plantation  
38 shall submit this Act to the legal voters within the

1 territory embraced within the limits of the proposed  
2 Town of West Forks, by ballot, at a regular or special  
3 election to be held within one year after passage  
4 of this Act. This election shall be called, advertised  
5 and conducted according to the Maine Revised  
6 Statutes, Title 30, sections 2061 and 2065. The  
7 plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots,  
8 on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections  
9 1 and 2 of this Act to the following question.

10 "Shall West Forks Plantation be incorporated into  
11 the Town of West Forks?"

12 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check  
13 mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their  
14 opinion of the same. This Act shall be approved by a  
15 majority of the legal voters voting at the election,  
16 provided that the total number of votes cast for and  
17 against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this  
18 Act at the election equaled or exceeded 50% of the  
19 total number of votes cast in the plantation for Governor  
20 at the last gubernatorial election.

21 The result of the vote shall be declared by the  
22 board of assessors of West Forks Plantation and due  
23 certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk  
24 with the Secretary of State.

25 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
26 in the preamble, section 3 of this Act shall take effect  
27 upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal  
28 voters at the election. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act  
29 shall take effect for all purposes at the first town  
30 meeting.

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The purpose of this bill is set out in the emergency  
33 preamble.

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