

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 1950

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1 AN ACT to Deorganize the Town of Atkinson.  
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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
4 follows:

5 Sec. 1. Deorganization of the Town of  
6 Atkinson. The Town of Atkinson in Piscataquis County  
7 is deorganized, provided that the corporate existence,  
8 powers, duties and liabilities of the town shall  
9 survive for the purposes of prosecuting and defending  
10 all pending suits to which the town is, or may be, a  
11 party and all needful process arising out of such  
12 suits, including provisions for the payment of all or

1 any judgments or debts which may be rendered against  
2 the town or exist in favor of any creditor.

3 **Sec. 2. Unexpended school funds.** The treasurer  
4 of the town or any other person who has custody of the  
5 funds of the town shall pay to the State Treasurer all  
6 unexpended school funds, which together with the  
7 credits due the town for school purposes, are to be  
8 used by the State Tax Assessor to settle any school  
9 obligations contracted by the town before  
10 deorganization. Any unexpended school funds remaining  
11 with the State Treasurer after all the obligations  
12 have been met shall be added to the Unorganized  
13 Territory Education and Services Fund, as established  
14 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115.

15 **Sec. 3. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of**  
16 **State.** The selectmen of the town shall submit this  
17 Act to the legal voters of the Town of Atkinson, by  
18 ballot at the next general election held in November  
19 after passage of this Act. This election shall be  
20 called, advertised and conducted according to the  
21 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 2061 and  
22 2065. The town clerk shall prepare the required  
23 ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter  
24 of this Act to the following question:

25 "Shall the Town of Atkinson be deorganized?"

26 The voters shall indicate their opinion on this  
27 question by a cross or check mark placed against the  
28 word "Yes" or "No." Before becoming effective, this  
29 Act must be approved by a majority of the legal voters  
30 voting at the special election, and the total number  
31 of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this  
32 Act at the election must equal or exceed 50% of the  
33 total number of votes cast in the town for Governor at  
34 the last gubernatorial election.

35 The board of selectmen of the Town of Atkinson  
36 shall declare the result of the vote. The town clerk  
37 shall file a certificate of the election result with  
38 the Secretary of State within 10 days from the date of  
39 the election.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to allow  
deorganization of the Town of Atkinson.

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