

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2000

S.P. 741 In Senate, January 7, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Converting the Unorganized Township
2 of Big Squaw into the Town of
3 Big Squaw.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. Town of Big Squaw, incorporated. The
8 unincorporated township of Big Squaw, with its
9 inhabitants, is incorporated into a town by the name

1 of Big Squaw. The inhabitants of this town are vested
2 with the powers, privileges and immunities which the
3 inhabitants of towns within the State do or may
4 enjoy. The town created shall take the effects
5 belonging to the unorganized township of Big Squaw and
6 shall also assume all of its obligations.

7 **Sec. 2. Legislative district.** Until the next
8 legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town
9 of Big Squaw shall remain in the same legislative
10 district in which the unorganized township of Big
11 Squaw is now classed.

12 **Sec. 3. First meeting; how called.** Upon
13 acceptance of this Act by referendum as provided in
14 section 6, the county commissioners of Piscataquis
15 County shall issue a warrant, in accordance with the
16 general laws, for the first town meeting, to be held
17 in March, April, May or June, 1989. Notification of
18 the town meeting shall be filed by the clerk with the
19 Secretary of State.

20 **Sec. 4. Education; allocation.** The
21 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services
22 shall establish a basic education allocation for
23 fiscal year 1989-90 for the Town of Big Squaw
24 consistent with the requirements of the School Finance
25 Act of 1985, Title 20-A, chapter 606.

26 **Sec. 5. Referendum; certificate to**
27 **Secretary of State.** This Act shall be submitted to
28 the legal voters within the territory embraced within
29 the limits of the proposed Town of Big Squaw by ballot
30 at a special election to be held in November 1988.
31 This election shall be called, held and conducted by
32 the Secretary of State in the same manner as local
33 option elections in unorganized territory are
34 conducted in accordance with Title 28-A, section 122,
35 except that no petition for election shall be
36 required. The subject matter of sections 1 and 2 of
37 this Act shall be reduced to the following question:
38 "Shall the unorganized township of Big Squaw be
39 incorporated into the Town of Big Squaw?" The voters
40 shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against

1 the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

2 This Act shall be approved by a majority of the legal
3 voters voting at the special election, provided that
4 the total number of votes cast for and against the
5 acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this Act at the
6 election equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number
7 of votes cast in the unorganized township for Governor
8 at the last gubernatorial election.

9 The result of the vote shall be declared by the
10 Secretary of State and certificate thereof shall be
11 filed by him in his office.

12 **Sec. 6. Effective date.** Section 3 of this Act
13 shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of
14 the legal voters at the special election. Sections 1,
15 2 and 4 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes
16 hereof on July 1, 1989.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill authorizes Big Squaw township to
19 organize into a town.

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