

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2075

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H.P. 1522 House of Representatives, January 15, 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.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.

Cosponsored by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

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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 Sherman.**  
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3           Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
4           follows:

5           **Sec. 1. Deorganization of Town of Sherman.** The  
6           Town of Sherman in Aroostook County is deorganized,  
7           provided that the corporate existence, powers, duties  
8           and liabilities of the town shall survive for the  
9           purposes of prosecuting and defending all pending

1 suits to which the town is, or may be, a party and all  
2 needful process arising out of such suits, including  
3 provisions for the payment of all or any judgments or  
4 debts which may be rendered against the town or exist  
5 in favor of any creditor.

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

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

28       "Shall the Town of Sherman be deorganized?"

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

38       The board of selectmen of the Town of Sherman  
39 shall declare the result of the vote. The town clerk  
40 shall file a certificate of the election result with

1 the Secretary of State within 10 days from the date of  
2 the election:

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this bill is to allow the  
5 deorganization of the Town of Sherman.

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