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## 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

#### Legislative Document

No. 315

H.P. 231

House of Representatives, February 22, 1989

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DEXTER of Kingfield.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Deorganize the Town of New Portland.

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

Sec. 1. Deorganization of the Town of New Portland. The Town of New Portland in Somerset County is deorganized, provided that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of the town shall survive for the purposes of prosecuting and defending all pending suits to which the town is, or may be, a party and all needful process arising out of such suits, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments or debts which may be rendered against the town or exist in favor of any creditor.

- Sec. 2. Unexpended school funds. The treasurer of the town or any other person who has custody of the funds of the town shall pay to the Treasurer of State all unexpended school funds, which together with the credits due the town for school purposes, are to be used by the State Tax Assessor to settle any school obligations contracted by the town before deorganization. Any unexpended school funds remaining with the Treasurer of State after all the obligations have been met shall be added to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115.
- Sec. 3. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State. The selectmen of the town shall submit this Act to the legal voters of the Town of New Portland by ballot at the next general election held in November after passage of this Act. This election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 2528 and 2532. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Shall the Town of New Portland be deorganized?"

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

The board of selectmen of the Town of New Portland shall declare the result of the vote. The town clerk shall file a certificate of the election result with the Secretary of State within 10 days from the date of the election.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

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

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