

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 10, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville, Senator EMERSON of Penobscot and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Consolidate the Township of Misery-Sapling Gore into
Adjoining Townships.**



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

3 **Misery-Sapling Gore Township dissolved.** The township of
5 Misery-Sapling Gore, T1, 2 and 3 R7 BKP WKR, in Somerset County,
7 lying wholly in the unorganized territories, shall be absorbed
9 into and consolidated with the townships of Parlin Pond, T3 R7
11 BKP WKR; Misery, T2 R7 BKP WKR; and Sapling, T1 R7 BKP WKR, also
13 lying wholly within the unorganized territories of the State.
15 Misery-Sapling Gore shall be absorbed into the 3 towns mentioned
17 above by extending the eastern boundary of Parlin Pond, Misery
19 and Sapling townships in a northerly direction along the same
21 course that they presently follow until the lines intersect the
23 present northerly boundary of Misery-Sapling Gore.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

19 Misery-Sapling Gore is a very thin, wedge-shaped township.
21 At its widest point, it is just over $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide and is
23 approximately 17 miles long. The unusual shape of the town is
25 due to a surveying error made in the early 1800's.

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25 The purpose of this bill is to absorb Misery-Sapling Gore
27 township into the adjoining townships of Parlin Pond, Misery and
29 Sapling which lie immediately south of the gore. This action
31 would add approximately 321.5 acres, 1,571.2 acres and 2,125.4
33 acres respectively to these townships. This bill would in no way
35 change the tax status of any of the townships in question, as all
37 are unorganized territories and would remain as such.

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33 Misery-Sapling Gore consists of 4,018 acres with all but 112
35 acres in the township owned by Scott Paper Company.
37 Consolidating Misery-Sapling Gore into the neighboring southern
39 townships would enable Scott Paper Company to reduce the manpower
and expense necessary to maintain 2 sets of property lines 17
miles long. It would also alleviate the problems associated with
record keeping and mapping for a small, irregular-shaped
township. The present ownership pattern presents a unique
opportunity to correct an old surveying error.