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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc
Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.

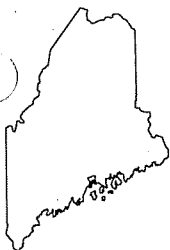
STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Annex the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

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4 **Sec. 1. Annexation.** The Town of Richmond is removed from
Sagadahoc County and annexed to and made part of Lincoln County.

6 **Sec. 2. Obligations to Sagadahoc County.** If this Act is
8 approved by town and county voters of the Town of Richmond, the
obligations of the town to Sagadahoc County, existing on the day
10 this Act is approved by the Legislature, continue after the town
is made part of Lincoln County. If this Act is approved by all
12 required voters, no obligation of the town to Sagadahoc County is
incurred after this Act is approved by the Legislature.

14 **Sec. 3. Obligations to Lincoln County.** All obligations of the
Town of Richmond to Lincoln County begin and are prorated as of
16 the effective date of this Act.

18 **Sec. 4. County seat.** The Town of Wiscasset remains the county
seat of Lincoln County.

20 **Sec. 5. Referenda; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to
22 the legal voters of the Town of Richmond at the regular town
meeting in 1991 or at a special town meeting called for that
24 purpose within 120 days of the approval of this Act by the
Legislature. That special town meeting must be called,
26 advertised and conducted according to the law relating to
municipal elections; provided, however, that the municipal
28 officers of the town are not required to prepare for posting, nor
the town clerk to post, a new list of voters and for the purpose
30 of registration of voters the board of voter registration shall
be in session on the secular day next preceding the special
32 election. The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required
ballot, on which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of
34 this Act to the following question:

36 "Shall the Town of Richmond be annexed to Lincoln County?"

38 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

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42 This Act is considered approved for the Town of Richmond
upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at
44 the election; and further provided that the total number of votes
cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds
46 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the
town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

48 If the Town of Richmond approves this Act, it must be
submitted to the legal voters of Lincoln County in individual
50 questions for each town at the general election in 1992. The
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may expend such funds as
52 are necessary to implement the referenda.

2 The county clerk shall prepare the required ballot, on which
the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the
following question:

4 "Shall the Town of Richmond be annexed to Lincoln County?"

6 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
8 against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

10 This Act takes effect upon acceptance by a majority of the
legal voters voting at the election; and further provided that
12 the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of
this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all
14 candidates for Governor cast in the town at the next previous
gubernatorial election.

16 If the Town of Richmond approves this Act and Lincoln County
18 approves this Act, the Act becomes effective January 1, 1993.

20 The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal
officers of the Town of Richmond and due certificate thereof must
22 be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State. The
results of the vote in Lincoln County must be declared by the
24 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and due certificate thereof
must be filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

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28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill authorizes the Town of Richmond to be annexed to
Lincoln County. The bill, if enacted, becomes effective only
32 upon approval by the voters of the Town of Richmond and upon
approval by the voters in Lincoln County.