

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1984

H.P. 1420

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Secession.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUTREMBLE of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, BOLDUC of Auburn, CARLETON of Wells, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, GIERINGER of Portland, LEMKE of Westbrook, SANBORN of Alton, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2173 is enacted to read:**

6 **§2173. Local approval of secession**

8 The residents of a portion of a municipality may not secede
10 from that municipality unless the secession is approved by a
majority of the votes cast in an election open to residents of
the entire municipality of which the seceding territory is a part.

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SUMMARY

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16 This bill requires that the entire municipality be allowed
18 to vote on a proposed secession of any portion of that
municipality and that the secession is effective only if approved
by a majority of the votes cast.