

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1586

S.P. 499

In Senate, March 13, 2001

An Act to Separate Territory from the Town of Falmouth and Annex it to the City of Portland.

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 ABROMSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth and
Representative: NORBERT of Portland.

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

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Sec. 1. Separation and incorporation. The territory described in section 2, now within the Town of Falmouth, Cumberland County, being uninhabited, is separated and set off from the Town of Falmouth and incorporated into the City of Portland, Cumberland County.

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Sec. 2. Territory. The territory affected by this Act, referred to in this Act as the "territory," is as follows:

All of the land, including buildings, intertidal land, submerged land, freshwater or saltwater ponds and river beds, generally referred to as the Adams/Wolfe property, containing 33.5 acres, more or less.

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Sec. 3. Property taxes; municipal services. The territory remains a part of the Town of Falmouth for all purposes, including liabilities, obligations and the collection and disbursement of property taxes, up to the effective date of separation, and the Town of Falmouth shall maintain its customary level of municipal services to the territory until that date. After the effective date of separation, the City of Portland shall assess and collect property taxes and provide municipal services to the territory.

Sec. 4. Effective date of separation. The effective date of separation and annexation of the territory is the effective date of this Act.

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SUMMARY

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This bill separates a parcel of property from the Town of Falmouth and annexes it to the City of Portland. The property sits on the southerly side of the Maine Turnpike spur that connects the turnpike with Route 1 in the Town of Falmouth. It abuts other property under the same ownership in the City of Portland. The turnpike spur acts as a substantial barrier to municipal services like sewer lines, water lines and roads from the Town of Falmouth.

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