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No. 37

S.P. 23

In Senate, January 16, 2003

An Act to Rename the Town of Westport

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 HALL of Lincoln. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1203, sub-§16, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 628, §2, is amended to read:

B. In Lincoln County, the municipalities and unorganized territories of Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Hibberts Gore unorganized territory, Jefferson, Monhegan Plantation, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, South Bristol, Southport, Waldoboro, Westport Island, Whitefield and Wiscasset.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1204, sub-§55, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 628, §2, is amended to read:

A. In Lincoln County, the municipalities of Dresden and Westport Island; and

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §66, sub-§8, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 554, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Commissioner District Number 1 consists of the municipalities of Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Westport Island and Wiscasset. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 1988 and every 4 years thereafter.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1828, c. 511, §7 is enacted to read:

Sect. 7. Be it further enacted, That wherever the word "Westport" appears or reference is made to the town of Westport it means "Westport Island."

Sec. 5. Referendum; effective date. This Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Town of Westport at a special or regular town meeting or election held prior to January 1, 2004. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the town clerk to post a new list of voters. The registrar of voters must be in session on the secular day next preceding the election. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Do you favor changing the name of the Town of Westport to 'Town of Westport Island?' "

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

2 The results must be declared by the municipal officers of
the Town of Westport and due certificate of the results filed by
4 the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

6 This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a
majority of the legal voters in the Town of Westport at the
8 election.

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SUMMARY

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14 This bill proposes to change the name of the Town of
Westport to "Town of Westport Island." A referendum is scheduled
to be held before January 1, 2004 for approval by the residents
16 of Westport.