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H.P. 756

House of Representatives, February 26, 2003

An Act Concerning Passamaquoddy Indian Territory in Washington County

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Be it enacted by the People of t	the State of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 30 MRSA 6205, sub-1, C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 251, 251, and affected by 4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Any land in Washington County acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaguoddy Tribe as long as the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 1, 2020, is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary by January 31, 2020, as held for the benefit of the Passamaguoddy Tribe, if the acquisition of the land by or for the tribe is approved by the legislative body of any city, town, village or plantation in which the land is located; and

Sec. 3. Effective date; certification. This Act does not take effect unless, within 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, the Secretary of State receives certification by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code, Section 1725(e)(1), copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes, except that in no event may this Act become effective until 90 days adjournment of the Legislature.

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This bill extends the date from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2020, at which the Secretary of the Interior of the United States may acquire land in Washington County for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.