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House of Representatives, March 15, 2005

**An Act To Enable the Town of Livermore Falls To Withdraw from
Androscoggin County and Join Franklin County**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PINEAU of Jay, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator:
WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. Annexation.** The Town of Livermore Falls is removed
6 from Androscoggin County and annexed to and made part of Franklin
8 County.

10 **Sec. 2. Obligations to Androscoggin County.** The existing bonded
12 indebtedness of the Town of Livermore Falls to Androscoggin
14 County must be determined in a just and equitable manner by the
16 county commissioners of Androscoggin County and the municipal
18 officers of Livermore Falls upon the effective date of this Act.

20 **Sec. 3. Obligations to Franklin County.** All obligations of the
22 Town of Livermore Falls to Franklin County begin and must be
24 prorated as of the effective date of this Act.

26 **Sec. 4. County seat.** The Town of Farmington remains the
28 county seat of Franklin County.

30 **Sec. 5. County commission district.** Upon the removal from
32 Androscoggin County and the annexation to Franklin County, the
34 Town of Livermore Falls becomes part of Franklin County
36 Commission District No. 1.

38 **Sec. 6. Referendum.** This Act takes effect only for the
40 purpose of submitting this Act to the legal voters of the Town of
42 Livermore Falls at the regular town meeting in 2005 or at a
44 special town meeting called for the purpose within 90 days of the
46 approval of this Act. That special town meeting must be called,
48 advertised and conducted according to the law relating to
municipal elections; except that the municipal officers of the
town may not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town
clerk to post, a new list of voters and for the purpose of
registration of voters the board of voter registration must be in
session on the secular day next preceding the special election.
The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required ballots, on
which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to
the following question:

40 "Do you favor the removal of the Town of Livermore Falls
42 from Androscoggin County and its annexation to Franklin
44 County?"

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

 If the question is accepted by a majority of the legal
voters voting at the town meeting called for the purpose of
approving this Act; and if the total number of votes cast for and

2 against the acceptance of this question equals or exceeds 20% of
the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the town
4 at the most recent gubernatorial election the Act must be
submitted to the legal voters of Franklin County at an election
6 in Franklin County called for that purpose no later than June
2006.

8 The Franklin County Clerk shall prepare the required
ballots, on which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of
10 this Act to the following question:

12 "Do you favor the annexation of the Town of Livermore Falls
by Franklin County?"

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

18 This Act takes effect if it is accepted by a majority of the
legal voters voting at the election in Franklin County; and if
20 the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of
this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all
22 candidates for Governor cast in the town at the most recent
gubernatorial election.

24 The result of the vote in Franklin County must be declared
26 by the Franklin County Commissioners and due certificate must be
filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

28 If the Town of Livermore Falls and Franklin County approve
30 this Act, the Act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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SUMMARY

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This bill authorizes the Town of Livermore Falls to withdraw
36 from Androscoggin County and be annexed by Franklin County.