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S.P. 234

In Senate, February 17, 2009

An Act To Rename Certain Unorganized Townships in Washington County

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 RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville and
Representative: McLEOD of Lee.

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. Cathance Township.** Wherever the designation No. 14 Twp. appears
4 or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means
5 Cathance Township.

6 **Sec. A-2. Referendum for ratification.** This Part must be submitted to the legal
7 voters residing in the unorganized territory of No. 14 Twp. in Washington County. The
8 date of the submission must be determined by the Washington County Board of
9 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular
10 Session of the 124th Legislature. The Washington County commissioners are authorized
11 to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

12 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on
13 which they shall state the subject matter of this Part in the following question:

14 "Do you favor changing the name of No. 14 Twp. to Cathance
15 Township?"

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

18 This Part takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal
19 voters voting at the election.

20 The result of the election must be declared by the Washington County commissioners
21 and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

22 **PART B**

23 **Sec. B-1. Berry Township.** Wherever the designation T 18 ED BPP appears or
24 reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means Berry
25 Township.

26 **Sec. B-2. Referendum for ratification.** This Part must be submitted to the legal
27 voters residing in the unorganized territory of T 18 ED BPP in Washington County. The
28 date of the submission must be determined by the Washington County Board of
29 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular
30 Session of the 124th Legislature. The Washington County commissioners are authorized
31 to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

32 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on
33 which they shall state the subject matter of this Part in the following question:

34 "Do you favor changing the name of T 18 ED BPP to Berry Township?"

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

1 This Part takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal
2 voters voting at the election.

3 The result of the election must be declared by the Washington County commissioners
4 and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

5 **PART C**

6 **Sec. C-1. Big Lake Township.** Wherever the designation No. 21 Twp. appears
7 or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means Big
8 Lake Township.

9 **Sec. C-2. Referendum for ratification.** This Part must be submitted to the legal
10 voters residing in the unorganized territory of No. 21 Twp. in Washington County. The
11 date of the submission must be determined by the Washington County Board of
12 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular
13 Session of the 124th Legislature. The Washington County commissioners are authorized
14 to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

15 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on
16 which they shall state the subject matter of this Part in the following question:

17 "Do you favor changing the name of No. 21 Twp. to Big Lake
18 Township?"

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

21 This Part takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal
22 voters voting at the election.

23 The result of the election must be declared by the Washington County commissioners
24 and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

25 **PART D**

26 **Sec. D-1. Greenlaw Chopping Township.** Wherever the designation T 27 ED
27 BPP appears or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or
28 reference means Greenlaw Chopping Township.

29 **Sec. D-2. Referendum for ratification.** This Part must be submitted to the legal
30 voters residing in the unorganized territory of T 27 ED BPP in Washington County. The
31 date of the submission must be determined by the Washington County Board of
32 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular
33 Session of the 124th Legislature. The Washington County commissioners are authorized
34 to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

35 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on
36 which they shall state the subject matter of this Part in the following question:

1 "Do you favor changing the name of T 27 ED BPP to Greenlaw
2 Chopping Township?"

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

5 This Part takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal
6 voters voting at the election.

7 The result of the election must be declared by the Washington County commissioners
8 and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

9 **PART E**

10 **Sec. E-1. Day Block Township.** Wherever the designation T 31 MD BPP
11 appears or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference
12 means Day Block Township.

13 **Sec. E-2. Referendum for ratification.** This Part must be submitted to the legal
14 voters residing in the unorganized territory of T 31 MD BPP in Washington County. The
15 date of the submission must be determined by the Washington County Board of
16 Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular
17 Session of the 124th Legislature. The Washington County commissioners are authorized
18 to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

19 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on
20 which they shall state the subject matter of this Part in the following question:

21 "Do you favor changing the name of T 31 MD BPP to Day Block
22 Township?"

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

25 This Part takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal
26 voters voting at the election.

27 The result of the election must be declared by the Washington County commissioners
28 and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill authorizes the Washington County commissioners to seek approval from the
31 residents of No. 14 Twp. to rename the township Cathance Township; the residents of T
32 18 ED BPP to rename the township Berry Township; the residents of No. 21 Twp. to
33 rename the township Big Lake Township; the residents of T 27 ED BPP to rename the
34 township Greenlaw Chopping Township; and the residents of T 31 MD BPP to rename
35 the township Day Block Township.