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House of Representatives, January 15, 2013

**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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Clerk

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, GILBERT of Jay, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,
HARVELL of Farmington, LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin,
MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford.

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

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

4 **Sec. 2. Obligations to Androscoggin County.** The existing bonded
5 indebtedness of the Town of Livermore Falls to Androscoggin County must be
6 determined in a just and equitable manner by the commissioners of Androscoggin County
7 and the municipal officers of Livermore Falls upon the effective date of this Act.

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

11 **Sec. 4. County seat.** The Town of Farmington remains the county seat of Franklin
12 County.

13 **Sec. 5. County commissioner district.** Upon the removal from Androscoggin
14 County and the annexation to Franklin County, the Town of Livermore Falls becomes
15 part of Franklin County Commissioner District No. 1.

16 **Sec. 6. Referendum.** This Act takes effect only for the purpose of submitting this
17 Act to the legal voters of the Town of Livermore Falls at the regular town meeting in
18 2013 or at a special town meeting called for the purpose within 90 days of the approval of
19 this Act. That special town meeting must be called, advertised and conducted according
20 to the law relating to municipal elections except that the municipal officers of the town
21 may not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters
22 and for the purpose of registration of voters the registrar of voters must be in session on
23 the secular day next preceding the special election. The town clerk shall prepare the
24 required ballots, on which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the
25 following question:

26 "Do you favor the removal of the Town of Livermore Falls from
27 Androscoggin County and its annexation to Franklin County?"

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

30 If the question is accepted by a majority of the legal voters voting at the town
31 meeting called for the purpose of approving this Act and if the total number of votes cast
32 for and against the acceptance of this question equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for
33 all candidates for Governor cast in the town at the most recent gubernatorial election, the
34 Act must be submitted to the legal voters of Franklin County at an election in Franklin
35 County called for that purpose no later than June 2014.

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

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

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

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

9 The result of the vote in Franklin County must be declared by the commissioners of
10 Franklin County and due certificate must be filed by the county clerk with the Secretary
11 of State.

12 If the Town of Livermore Falls and Franklin County approve this Act, the Act takes
13 effect July 1, 2014.

14 **SUMMARY**

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