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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 25, L.D. 24, Bill, "An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair"

Amend the bill by inserting after the mandate preamble and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation proposes a referendum to ratify changing the name of the unorganized territory referred to currently as Township 17, Range 4, WELS, and located in Aroostook County to Sinclair, and requires the referendum to be held no later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. Emergency clause; effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved only for the purpose of submitting it to the legal voters residing in the unorganized territory of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in Aroostook County no later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The name change in section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election held pursuant to section 2.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 24

LR 399(02)

## An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *HA (H-5)*  
Committee: State and Local Government  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

#### State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires the Aroostook County Board of Commissioners to hold a referendum on renaming Township 17, Range 4, WELS to Sinclair.	County	Insignificant limited scope

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.