



## **128th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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No. 24

H.P. 25

House of Representatives, January 10, 2017

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

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

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Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair. Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

- 6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. Sinclair. Wherever the designation Township 17, Range 4, WELS, appears
  or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means
  Sinclair.

10 Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification. This Act must be submitted to the legal 11 voters residing in the unorganized territory of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in 12 Aroostook County. The date of the submission must be determined by the Aroostook 13 County Board of Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of 14 the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The Aroostook County commissioners 15 are authorized to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

- 16 The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on 17 which they shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question:
- 18 "Do you favor changing the name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, to19 Sinclair?"
- 20 The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the word "Yes" or 21 "No" their opinion of the question.
- The result of the election must be declared by the Aroostook County commissioners and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.
- 24 Sec. 3. Effective date. The name change in section 1 of this Act takes effect 25 immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election 26 held pursuant to section 2.
- 27 SUMMARY
- This bill authorizes the Aroostook County Board of Commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, to rename the township to Sinclair.