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**An Act To Extend Time Limits for Placing Land in Trust Status
under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement**

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Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WOOD of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 91, §§1 and 2 and
3 affected by §3, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Passamaquoddy Indian territory.** Subject to subsections 3, 4 and 5, the following
5 lands within the State are known as the "Passamaquoddy Indian territory:"

6 A. The Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation;

7 B. The first 150,000 acres of land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the
8 Passamaquoddy Tribe from the following areas or lands to the extent that those lands
9 are acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, ~~1991~~ 2030, are not held in common
10 with any other person or entity and are certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~1991~~
11 2030, as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe:

12 The lands of Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation located in T.1, R.8, W.B.K.P.
13 (Lowelltown), T.6, R.1, N.B.K.P. (Holeb), T.2, R.10, W.E.L.S. and T.2, R.9, W.E.L.S.;
14 the land of Raymidga Company located in T.1, R.5, W.B.K.P. (Jim Pond), T.4, R.5,
15 B.K.P.W.K.R. (King and Bartlett), T.5, R.6, B.K.P.W.K.R. and T.3, R.5,
16 B.K.P.W.K.R.; the land of the heirs of David Pingree located in T.6, R.8, W.E.L.S.;
17 any portion of Sugar Island in Moosehead Lake; the lands of Prentiss and Carlisle
18 Company located in T.9, S.D.; any portion of T.24, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of Bertram
19 C. Tackeff or Northeastern Blueberry Company, Inc. in T.19, M.D.B.P.P.; any portion
20 of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.; any portion of T.2, R.5, W.B.K.P. (Alder Stream); the lands of
21 Dead River Company in T.3, R.9, N.W.P., T.2, R.9, N.W.P., T.5, R.1, N.B.P.P. and
22 T.5, N.D.B.P.P.; any portion of T.3, R.1, N.B.P.P.; any portion of T.3, N.D.; any
23 portion of T.4, N.D.; any portion of T.39, M.D.; any portion of T.40, M.D.; any portion
24 of T.41, M.D.; any portion of T.42, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of Diamond International
25 Corporation, International Paper Company and Lincoln Pulp and Paper Company
26 located in Argyle; and the lands of the Dyer Interests in T.A.R.7 W.E.L.S., T.3 R.9
27 N.W.P., T.3 R.3- N.B.K.P. (Alder Brook Township), T.3 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Hammond
28 Township), T.2 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Pittston Academy Grant), T.2 R.3 N.B.K.P.
29 (Soldiertown Township), and T.4 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Prentiss Township), and any lands in
30 Albany Township acquired by the Passamaquoddy Tribe before January ~~31~~, ~~1991~~
31 2030;

32 C. Any land not exceeding 100 acres in the City of Calais acquired by the secretary
33 for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe as long as the land is acquired by the
34 secretary prior to January ~~31~~, ~~2001~~ 2030, is not held in common with any other person
35 or entity and is certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~2001~~ 2030, as held for the
36 benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, if:

37 (1) The acquisition of the land by the tribe is approved by the legislative body of
38 that city; and

39 (2) A tribal-state compact under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is
40 agreed to by the State and the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the State is ordered by a
41 court to negotiate such a compact;

42 D. All land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
43 T.19, M.D. to the extent that the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 31,
44 ~~2020~~ 2030, is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by

1 the secretary by January 31, ~~2020~~ 2030 as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy
2 Tribe;

3 D-1. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
4 Centerville consisting of Parcels A, B and C conveyed by Bertram C. Tackeff to the
5 Passamaquoddy Tribe by quitclaim deed dated July 27, 1981, recorded in the
6 Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 1147, Page 251, to the extent that the
7 land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, ~~2017~~ 2030, is not held in common
8 with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~2017~~
9 2030 as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe;

10 D-2. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
11 Centerville conveyed by Bertram C. Tackeff to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by quitclaim
12 deed dated May 4, 1982, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in
13 Book 1178, Page 35, to the extent that the land is acquired by the secretary prior to
14 January 31, ~~2023~~ 2030, is not held in common with any other person or entity and is
15 certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~2023~~ 2030 as held for the benefit of the
16 Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

17 E. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
18 Township 21 consisting of Gordon Island in Big Lake, conveyed by Domtar Maine
19 Corporation to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by corporate quitclaim deed dated April 30,
20 2002, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 2624, Page 301,
21 to the extent that the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, ~~2017~~ 2030,
22 is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary
23 by January 31, ~~2017~~ 2030 as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

24 **Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 625, §1, is further
25 amended to read:

26 B. The first 150,000 acres of land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the
27 Penobscot Nation from the following areas or lands to the extent that those lands are
28 acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, ~~2021~~ 2030, are not held in common with
29 any other person or entity and are certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~2021~~ 2030,
30 as held for the Penobscot Nation:

31 The lands of Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation located in T.1, R.8, W.B.K.P.
32 (Lowelltown), T.6, R.1, N.B.K.P. (Holeb), T.2, R.10, W.E.L.S. and T.2, R.9, W.E.L.S.;
33 the land of Raymidga Company located in T.1, R.5, W.B.K.P. (Jim Pond), T.4, R.5,
34 B.K.P.W.K.R. (King and Bartlett), T.5, R.6, B.K.P.W.K.R. and T.3, R.5,
35 B.K.P.W.K.R.; the land of the heirs of David Pingree located in T.6, R.8, W.E.L.S.;
36 any portion of Sugar Island in Moosehead Lake; the lands of Prentiss and Carlisle
37 Company located in T.9, S.D.; any portion of T.24, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of Bertram
38 C. Tackeff or Northeastern Blueberry Company, Inc. in T.19, M.D.B.P.P.; any portion
39 of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.; any portion of T.2, R.5, W.B.K.P. (Alder Stream); the lands of
40 Dead River Company in T.3, R.9, N.W.P., T.2, R.9, N.W.P., T.5, R.1, N.B.P.P. and
41 T.5, N.D.B.P.P.; any portion of T.3, R.1, N.B.P.P.; any portion of T.3, N.D.; any
42 portion of T.4, N.D.; any portion of T.39, M.D.; any portion of T.40, M.D.; any portion
43 of T.41, M.D.; any portion of T.42, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of Diamond International
44 Corporation, International Paper Company and Lincoln Pulp and Paper Company
45 located in Argyle; any land acquired in Williamsburg T.6, R.8, N.W.P.; any 300 acres

1 in Old Town mutually agreed upon by the City of Old Town and the Penobscot Nation
2 Tribal Government, provided that the mutual agreement must be finalized prior to
3 ~~August~~ January 31, ~~1991~~ 2030; any lands in Lakeville acquired by the Penobscot
4 Nation before January 4 31, ~~1991~~ 2030; and all the property acquired by the Penobscot
5 Indian Nation from Herbert C. Haynes, Jr., Herbert C. Haynes, Inc. and Five Islands
6 Land Corporation located in Township 1, Range 6 W.E.L.S.

7 **Sec. 3. Effective date; certification.** This Act does not take effect unless, within
8 60 days of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature, the
9 Secretary of State receives written certification by the Tribal Chief and Council of the
10 Penobscot Nation and the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the nation
11 and tribe have agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code,
12 Section 1725(e), copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the
13 Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of
14 Statutes; except that in no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the
15 adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill extends all time limits for both the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot
18 Nation to add to their respective trust lands under the Act to Implement the Maine Indian
19 Claims Settlement to January 31, 2030.

20 Because this bill amends the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement,
21 this bill does not take effect unless the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe
22 and the Tribal Chief and Council of the Penobscot Nation agree to these changes and certify
23 their agreement to the Secretary of State within 60 days of the adjournment of the First
24 Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.