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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 632

In Senate, December 17, 2021

**An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox  
County in Penobscot Bay**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2021. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and  
Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

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

3           **Whereas**, during the most recent census, the United States Department of Commerce,  
4 United States Census Bureau contacted Waldo County about a discrepancy with the  
5 common boundary line between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay, and  
6 this discrepancy must be resolved; and

7           **Whereas**, Public Law 1828, chapter 372, which established Waldo County,  
8 established the southern boundary of the county as a line due east from the southern corner  
9 of the boundary line of the newly established Waldo County at approximately Jameson  
10 Point, along the town lines of Rockland and Camden, and across Penobscot Bay to where  
11 it met the Hancock County line; and

12           **Whereas**, the southern boundary line of Waldo County established in Public Law  
13 1828, chapter 372 crossed Penobscot Bay south of the entire archipelago of Islesboro at  
14 approximately N 44° 06' 56"; and

15           **Whereas**, Public Law 1860, chapter 146, which established Knox County, designated  
16 numerous municipalities and plantations from Waldo County and Lincoln County to the  
17 newly established Knox County, but was silent on the common border with Waldo County  
18 in Penobscot Bay; and

19           **Whereas**, beginning in the 1940s, maps indicated the boundary line between Waldo  
20 County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay at approximately N 44° 12' 18", just south of  
21 Lime Island, which had the effect of dividing the archipelago of Islesboro between the 2  
22 counties; and

23           **Whereas**, having timely clarification of and certainty about the common boundary  
24 between Waldo County and Knox County is essential for the residents of the counties, the  
25 next census and the creation of accurate maps of the counties; and

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

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

31           **Sec. 1. Boundary line.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a  
32 portion of the boundary line between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay  
33 is as described:

34           1. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 9' and W 68° 56.45' in a northeasterly direction  
35 and continuing through N 44° 12.18' and W 68° 54.05';

36           2. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 9' and W 68° 56.45' in a westerly direction to  
37 a point located at N 44° 9' and W 68° 59.33'; and

38           3. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 9' and W 68° 59.33' in a northwesterly direction  
39 and continuing through N 44° 12.63' and W 69° 0.79'.

40           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation  
41 takes effect when approved.

**SUMMARY**

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This bill clarifies and describes a portion of the common boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay in order to include the entire archipelago of Islesboro in Waldo County.