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**Legislative Document**

**No. 212**

H. P. 589

House of Representatives, January 31, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sylvia of Danforth.

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## S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Topsfield of its  
Organization.**

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

**Sec. 1. Organization of town of Topsfield may be surrendered.** The organization of the town of Topsfield in Washington county as heretofore adopted is hereby surrendered; provided, however, that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of said town shall survive for the purpose of prosecuting and defending suits and causes of suits to which said town is, or may be, a party and all needful processes growing out of the same, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments which may be or has been rendered against such town or outstanding debts which exist in favor of any creditor.

The inhabitants of the town shall organize themselves into a plantation under the general law, and shall be subject to, and required to pay state and county taxes. The duly elected plantation officers shall have authority to levy and collect taxes for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 2. School fund and unexpended funds.** The school fund deposited to the credit of said town and all funds unexpended for school purposes at

the time when this act becomes effective out of amounts raised by said town for school purposes or out of amounts paid by the state for school purposes shall be paid by the treasurer of said town or such other person in whose custody such funds may be, to the treasurer of state. Such amounts, so received, shall be added to the unorganized township fund as provided in section 23 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 3. Ratification.** So much of this act as authorizes the submission of its acceptance to the voters of the town of Topsfield shall take effect as provided in the constitution of the state, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by the legal voters of the town of Topsfield at a special town meeting called for that purpose and held prior to November 1, 1939, an appropriate article being inserted in the warrant for such meeting. If a majority of the voters present and voting shall favor accepting this act, it shall become fully effective on February 1, 1940. The town clerk shall file a certificate of such voting with the secretary of state.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Population .....	224
Valuation .....	\$65,897.17
Polls .....	77