

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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H. P. 357

House of Representatives, January 22, 1941.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Albion.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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### AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Unity Plantation of its Organization.

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

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

**Sec. 2. School fund and unexpended funds.** The school fund deposited to the credit of said plantation, and all funds unexpended for school purposes at the time when this act is effective out of amounts raised by said plantation for school purposes or out of amounts paid by the state for school purposes, shall be paid by the treasurer of said plantation 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 funds as provided in section 23 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 3. Referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of the plantation of Unity at any special plantation meeting legally called and held before November 1, 1941, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the plantation, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative on March 31, 1942. The plantation clerk shall forthwith file with the secretary of state a certificate of the action of the plantation thereon.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Unity Plantation, Kennebec county, is the smallest local unit of government in Maine. It has a valuation of approximately twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000), a population of approximately thirty-eight (38) people and is extremely small in area as compared with the size of other plantations in the state.

A very definite attempt has been made by many of its patriotic citizens to continue the independent government of Unity Plantation but because of constant depreciation in values, particularly in its wooded areas, and because of conditions over which the inhabitants have no control, it appears that the welfare of the residents of Unity Plantation demand deorganization.

It is impossible to carry on the ordinary functions of government with such revenue as is obtainable from a valuation of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000).