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No. 193

H. P. 449

House of Representatives, January 23, 1941.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowers of Sherman.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Silver Ridge Plantation of Its
Organization.**

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

Sec. 1. Organization of Silver Ridge plantation may be surrendered. The organization of Silver Ridge plantation in Aroostook 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 Silver Ridge 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

Silver Ridge Plantation is a community of about one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy-five people, situated in the southern end of Aroostook County.

For some years the government of Silver Ridge Plantation has not run smoothly until finally on December 12, 1938, the people voted to ask the Board of Emergency Municipal Finance to assume control of the affairs of Silver Ridge Plantation.

Since that time the Board has supervised all the governmental activities within the boundaries of this community. The debt which was in excess of 10% of the local valuation has been reduced nearly one half. It appears however to all who are in close contact with the affairs of Silver Ridge Plantation that the unit of government is so small and the tax paying ability so slight that the citizens will be unable to carry on the ordinary functions of government even when the administration of its affairs is turned back to the citizens by the Board of Emergency Municipal Finance.

A petition representing a substantial number of people requests deorganization. At a duly warned town meeting held December 20, 1940, a unanimous vote was cast favoring deorganization, no voice dissenting.

It is the opinion of the Board of Emergency Municipal Finance that Silver Ridge Plantation should be deorganized for the good of all concerned.