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Legislative Document

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S. P. 225

In Senate, February 4, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Towns, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Hall of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Madrid of Its
Organization.**

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

Sec. 1. Organization of town of Madrid may be surrendered. The organization of the town of Madrid in the county of Franklin 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 all pending suits and causes of suits to which said town 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 town or exist in favor of any creditor.

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 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 town of Madrid at any special or annual town meeting legally called to consider the acceptance of this act; an appropriate article being inserted in the call for said meeting.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the town, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The town of Madrid is about 8 miles north of Phillips on the road to Rangeley and has a population of 145 and a total valuation of \$104,383. with 62 poll-tax payers.

Formerly several industries were located in the town, principally wood working mills but at the present time there are none and there is only 1 roadside store.

The valuation is constantly decreasing due to high valuation and tax rate, which makes it necessary for the land owners to strip their land and then dispose of it.

The tax rate has been over 7c on a dollar for several years and the cost of the poor has been very high. It is urgent that some relief be forthcoming.