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House of Representatives, February 10, 1943.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Boyker of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Repeal the Act Creating the Bethel Village Corporation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the continuance of the Bethel Village Corporation will cause financial difficulties for the town of Bethel and will hamper seriously their efforts to properly conduct their business; and

Whereas, in the present emergency this will decrease the efficiency of the town in promoting the war; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1889, c. 379, repealed. Subject to the provisions of section 4 hereof, chapter 379 of the private and special laws of 1889, as amended, entitled "An Act creating the Bethel Village Corporation" is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Rights, etc., of Bethel Village Corporation vested in town of Bethel. Upon the acceptance of this act as provided in section 4 hereof, all the estate, real, personal and mixed, including all accounts receivable, action and causes of action and all other rights and benefits that may be either now due and payable or that may hereafter become payable to or accrue to or for the benefit of said Bethel Village Corporation but for this act, shall be and become the property of the town of Bethel vested with all the rights and powers of enforcing in its own name all such rights, titles and interests.

Sec. 3. Contracts, etc., to be assumed by town of Bethel. Upon the acceptance of this act as provided in section 4 hereof, all valid contracts, obligations and liabilities of said Bethel Village Corporation shall be assumed and executed by the town of Bethel.

Sec. 4. Effective date; referendum. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor only for the purpose of empowering the Bethel Village Corporation to call a special meeting for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of this act. This special meeting shall be called in the manner and form provided for such meetings under the charter of said corporation. The clerk of the Bethel Village Corporation shall prepare proper ballots upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Bethel Village Corporation' be accepted?", and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. If a majority of the members of the Bethel Village Corporation present and voting at such special meeting vote in favor of the acceptance, this act shall take effect for all of its purposes immediately. The result of the vote shall be declared by the clerk and a certificate of such vote signed by the majority of the assessors of said Bethel Village Corporation and attested by the clerk shall be filed with the secretary of state.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.