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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Bangs of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Amending An Act to Incorporate the Brunswick Village Corporation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Brunswick Village Corporation is within a recognized defense area in which the density of the population is rapidly increasing; and

Whereas, the continued health and comfort of the residents within the Brunswick Village Corporation necessitate the continued public collection of rubbish and garbage; and

Whereas, it is an unfair and unjust burden upon the rural taxpayers to charge such costs against the general town tax levy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the Constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the 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., 1887, c. 172, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 172

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of the private and special laws of 1887 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Shall have all the rights and powers of towns. Said corporation, within its territorial limits, shall have all the rights, powers and privileges which towns have, under the first 25 sections of chapter 25 of the revised statutes of 1930; and shall be subject to all the obligations, responsibilities and penalties which the same sections impose upon towns. All powers and privileges granted by the same sections to the municipal officers of towns, are hereby granted to the assessors of said corporation. All duties and penalties imposed by the same sections upon other persons for the benefit and protection of towns, and of their drains and sewers, shall be upon such persons for the benefit of said corporation and its drains and sewers.

Said corporation by vote of the legal voters at the annual or special village corporation meeting may pass ordinances governing the collection and disposition of garbage and/or rubbish, may choose one or the other of the following methods of raising the money for defraying the cost of said rubbish and garbage collection: (a) by taxation in the manner provided by section 3 of chapter 172 of the private and special laws of 1887; or (b) by service charges assessed against the inhabitants for whom the services are rendered.'

Sec. 2. Effective date; referendum. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Brunswick Village Corporation at its annual meeting held in April, 1943. The corporation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Amending an Act to Incorporate the Brunswick Village Corporation' be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately upon the acceptance of this act by a majority of the votes cast at said meeting. The result of the vote shall be declared by the corporation clerk and a certificate thereof filed by the said clerk with the secretary of state.

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

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