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Legislative Document

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H. P. 5

House of Representatives, January 10, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cousins of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Affirming and Validating Certain Elections Held by the
Penobscot Indian Tribe.**

Resolved: Emergency preamble. Whereas, the date for the election of governor and lieutenant governor of the tribe of Penobscot Indians and a representative from the tribe at the legislature was changed from the first Tuesday of November to the first Tuesday in September by the 1943 legislature, and

Whereas, by result of lack of knowledge of such change the said tribe did not hold its election on the first Tuesday of September in the year 1944, and

Whereas, the said tribe did in good faith hold an election on the first Tuesday in November in the year 1944, and

Whereas, at such election the tribe allegedly elected the following officers for terms of two years:

Governor, James Lewis

Lieutenant Governor, Harold Francis

Representative at the Legislature, Horace Polchies, 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 the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it,

Election validated and affirmed. Resolved: That the election of said James Lewis and Harold Francis as governor and lieutenant governor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians respectively and the election of Horace Polchies as representative at the legislature of said Indian tribe at said election held on the first Tuesday of November, 1944 is hereby legalized and affirmed for terms ending on the first Tuesday of September, 1946, in the cases of the governor and lieutenant governor and for the term of two years in the case of Horace Polchies, as representative at the legislature.

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