

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 157

House of Representatives, January 18, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Corson of Hodgdon.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the financial affairs of Reed plantation have been under the supervision of the board of emergency municipal finance; and

Whereas, by authority given to the board of emergency municipal finance by the 91st legislature, a compromise, voluntary settlement has been made with the creditors of Reed plantation; and

Whereas, the tax rate of Reed plantation is now at the point where it is almost confiscatory; and

Whereas, immediate steps should be taken to take care of the present situation; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Organization of Reed plantation may be surrendered.** The or-

ganization of Reed 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. Unexpended school funds.** At the time this act becomes effective, the treasurer of said plantation or such other person as may have custody of the funds of the plantation shall pay to the treasurer of state all unexpended school funds, which school funds together with the proceeds of any credits due the plantation for school purposes are to be used by the state tax assessor to settle any school obligations contracted by the plantation previous to the time this act becomes effective. Any unexpended school funds remaining in the hands of the treasurer of state after all such obligations have been met shall be added to the unorganized townships fund as provided in section 38 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 3. Ratification.** This act shall take effect on approval by the governor for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of Reed plantation at any annual or special plantation 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 plantation, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative on March 30, 1945. A certificate of such vote shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the secretary of state.

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