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On motion of Mr. Burgess of Limestone, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of Second  
Congregational Society of Searsport Harbor, in Searsport, Maine.**

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

**Sec. 1. Change of name.** The incorporation of Second Congregational Society of Searsport Harbor in Searsport, county of Waldo and state of Maine, originally organized under the name of East Congregational Society in said Searsport on July 25, 1853, is hereby ratified, affirmed and made valid and its corporate name is hereby confirmed as "Second Congregational Society of Searsport Harbor."

**Sec. 2. Meeting validated.** The meeting of the members of said society held November 3, 1948, at Knyvetta Hall at Searsport Harbor in said Searsport at 8.30 P.M., on said date is hereby declared a legal meeting and the proceedings held at said meeting are hereby validated and confirmed.

**Sec. 3. Officers.** The officers elected at said meeting, being Melvin S. Hutchins, Carrie B. Smith and Perley C. Andrews as Trustees and Parish Committee, Evelyn G. Hutchins as clerk, Louella Bowden as treasurer and Charles J. Greeley as auditor, are hereby declared duly and legally elected

to said offices to hold office until the next annual meeting of said society and until their successors are duly and legally elected and qualified in their stead.

**Sec. 4. Annual meeting.** Unless and until said society shall duly and legally otherwise vote, the time and place for the annual meeting of said society shall be the 1st Monday of August of each year at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon at the church building of said society at Searsport Harbor in said Searsport, or at such other place as shall be named in the call for said meeting.

**Sec. 5. Transfer of property to society.** The right of said society, through its trustees, to receive, control and manage the church building and its appurtenances and all other properties belonging to said church or said society, including the trust estate created under the will of Benjamin F. Pendleton, late of Searsport, deceased, for the benefit of said church at the Harbor District in said Searsport, and all other endowment funds and properties of said society created by will or otherwise for the benefit of said Second Congregational Society, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and all persons holding books, records, assets or properties of said church or said society shall deliver the same to said trustees forthwith upon their written request.

**Sec. 6. Membership; limitations.** The usages and customs of said society as heretofore existing in extending membership in said society to all persons 21 years of age and upward who legally contribute toward the expenses of said church or said society, together with the right to attend and participate in the annual and special meetings of the society when action is to be taken relative to the use and appropriation of funds toward which they have contributed or toward which they have pledged contributions, and meetings called for the purpose of obtaining or dismissing a pastor, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Sec. 7. Ecclesiastical functions.** The ecclesiastical functions of said church shall be and continue as heretofore reserved for determination upon the vote of the covenant members of said church.

**Sec. 8. Legal procedure.** The rights and powers herein created may be enforced by bill of complaint addressed to any justice of the supreme judicial court or superior court within the state of Maine, in term time or in vacation, which justice shall have full power to enforce by decree all rights established hereunder through the medium of injunctive remedies and otherwise in accordance with usages of equity procedure.