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H. P. 1182

House of Representatives, February 15, 1951

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. March of Bridgton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Repeal the Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1854, c. 201 and P. & S. L., 1927, c. 70, repealed.** Chapter 201 of the private and special laws of 1854 and chapter 70 of the private and special laws of 1927, creating and perpetuating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation, and all acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, are hereby repealed; provided, however, that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of said corporation shall survive for the purpose of prosecuting and defending all pending suits and all needful process growing out of the same, including provisions for the payment of any debts of or judgments which may be rendered against said corporation or exist in favor of any creditor.

**Sec. 2. Referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Bridgton and to the legal voters of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation at the next annual meeting of both said town and of said corporation held within 1 year after the effective

date of this act, provided the warrant calling such meetings contain appropriate articles for that purpose. Such meetings shall be called and conducted according to the law governing municipal elections, except that the board of registration of said town shall not be required to prepare for posting nor the town clerk to post another list of voters. The town clerk of the town of Bridgton and the clerk of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation shall prepare proper ballots upon which the subject matter of this act shall be reduced to the following question: "Shall An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation be accepted?" and the voters of said town and of said corporation shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of said town and by the assessors of said corporation, and a certificate of the result of the vote shall be filed by the clerk of said town and by the clerk in said corporation with the secretary of state within 90 days after the determination of the vote. This act shall become fully effective on the 1st Monday of March next following the date that the certificates of the result of each vote is filed with the secretary of state to the effect that this act is accepted by both the inhabitants of the town of Bridgton and by the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in said town meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

**Sec. 3. Property, assets, etc. to become property of town.** Immediately after this act becomes fully effective, as provided in section 2, all the assets, property, real and personal, records and the various departments of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation, as it existed prior to the passage of this act, shall become the property of, and title thereto shall be vested in, the town of Bridgton, and said town shall automatically assume and carry on all the functions of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation and shall assume all the liabilities outstanding against said corporation; and said town is hereby authorized and empowered to raise funds by loan, or taxation, or both, from time to time, as found necessary, to carry on said functions and to defray the indebtedness thereof, if any; and all valid contracts of said Bridgton Centre Village Corporation shall be assumed and executed by the town of Bridgton.