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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1231

H. P. 1056

House of Representatives, March 8, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mount Vernon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Land Taken by Municipalities for Parks, Playgrounds, etc.

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

R. S., c. 96, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 96 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Land taken for parks, squares, public libraries and playgrounds. Any city or town ~~containing more than 1,000 inhabitants~~ upon petition in writing signed by at least 30 of its taxpaying citizens, directed to the municipal officers, describing the land to be taken as hereinafter provided, and the names of the owners thereof so far as they are known, may, at a meeting of such town or the city government, direct such municipal officers to take suitable lands for public parks, squares, playgrounds, buildings for municipal purposes or a public library building; and thereupon such officers may take such land for such purposes, but not without consent of the owner if at the time of filing such petition with such officers or in the office of the clerk of such town or city such land is occupied by a dwelling house wherein the owner or his family reside. When land is taken under the provisions of this section for a public park, the fee of such land may be taken and compensation assessed and paid accordingly. Land in any town so taken for a public park may by authority of a majority vote at a town meeting be transferred and conveyed to the federal government so as to become a part of a national park. Nothing herein shall be held to deprive the former landowners from proceeding to restrain the use of such land for other than public park purposes.'