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In Senate, March 23, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Crabtree of Aroostook by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Town of Patten to Aroostook County.

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

Sec. 1. Territorial limits of Aroostook and Penobscot counties. The territorial limits of Aroostook County are hereby increased by the addition of the Town of Patten to Aroostook County; and the territorial limits of Penobscot County are decreased by the removal from it of the Town of Patten.

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this chapter shall be effective on the first day of January, 1957, if approved by the legal voters at its annual town meeting as set forth in section 5.

Sec. 3. Filing of deeds, probate papers, etc. After the effective date of this act, all deeds of real estate in the Town of Patten shall be filed in the Aroostook County Registry of Deeds at Houlton, regardless of the date of the deed. After the effective date of this act, all probate petitions relating to living or deceased residents of Patten shall be filed in the Aroostook County Probate Court, regardless of the date of the death of the deceased or the date of the petition; except that where the Penobscot County Probate Court already has jurisdiction of an estate, said estate shall be closed in Penobscot County.

Sec. 4. Representation in the Legislature. After the effective date of this act, the Town of Patten shall be part of the legislative district consisting of the Towns of Island Falls, Crystal, Sherman, Benedicta, Hersey, Macwahoc Plantation and unorganized townships of Molunkus, Silver Ridge and South Molunkus.

Sec. 5. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Patten at the annual meeting to be held in the year 1956, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting.

The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Transfer of Town of Patten to Aroostook County,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the qualified voters shall indicate in the usual manner their opinion of the same.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Patten and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.