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NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Incorporate the Town of Medford.

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

Sec. 1. Town of Medford, incorporated. The unorganized territory of Medford, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby corporated into a town by the name of Medford. The inhabitants of said town are hereby vested with the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town hereby created shall take the effects belonging to the former Town of Medford and later to the Plantation of Medford and which have not heretofore been legally disposed of by the State or by the County of Piscataquis.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall become effective for all purposes, except education, at the annual meeting in March, 1958.

Sec. 3. Effective date for education. This act shall become effective for education purposes July 1, 1958, on which date the Town of Medford shall assume full responsibility for providing the educational opportunities as required and permitted under the laws of the State, and the Town of Medford shall thereafter be subject to the same requirements, benefits and privileges as other towns in the State. The first full subsidy payment under the provisions of the General Purpose Educational Aid Law shall be due and payable December, 1959, said subsidy to be based on expenditures made by the State for the unorganized territory of Medford, as described in sections 159 to 166, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, it being the intent to base subsidy on the expenditures Medford would have made had it been an organized municipality.

Sec. 4. Responsibility of State. The State of Maine shall assume responsibility for any outstanding indebtedness at the time of reincorporation; and thereafter neither the Town of Medford nor the inhabitants therein shall be deemed responsible for any obligations incurred prior to these dates.

Sec. 5. Town not required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District. After the effective date of this act in March, 1958, the Town of Medford shall not be required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District, except as other towns are required or permitted to do so.

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the unorganized territory of Medford at an election to be called and held within said territory on the third Monday in September, 1957. Such election shall be called, held and conducted by the Secretary of State in the same manner as local option elections in unorganized territory are conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, except that no petition for said election shall be required.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 50% of the total number of registered voters in said unorganized territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and due certificate thereof filed by him in his office.