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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature
1ST SPECIAL SESSION
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

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January 2, 1974

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1949, shall continue to be a legal entity from August 6, 1951 to date, notwithstanding the failure to file the certificate of organization of the said corporation within the requisite time period with the Secretary of State and the Hancock County registry of deeds; and to ratify, confirm and validate the acts of the board of trustees and officers of said Franco-American Oblate Fathers, Inc., from August 6, 1951 to date.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 186

AN ACT Converting Somerville Plantation into the Town of Somerville.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is of concern that people of the State of Maine be allowed to govern themselves on a local level; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this legislation to allow the inhabitants of the proposed Town of Somerville to begin immediately to govern their own affairs; and

Whereas, the inhabitants of the proposed Town of Somerville have demonstrated the desire and capability of doing so; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Town of Somerville, incorporated. Somerville Plantation, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Somerville. 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 Somerville Plantation and shall also assume all the obligations thereof.

Sec. 2. First meeting; how called. Any justice of the peace in the County of Lincoln may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the Plantation of Somerville, directing him to notify the inhabitants to meet at a place specified in said warrant and at a time consistent with the normal annual meeting time in March, 1974, giving at least 7 days' notice therefor, for the choice of town officers and to transact such business as towns are authorized to do.

Sec. 3. Legislative district. Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Somerville shall remain in the same legislative district in which Somerville Plantation is now classed.

Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall take effect immediately, only for the purpose of permitting its

submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of said proposed Town of Somerville, voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for the purpose within 12 months of the effective date of sections 1 and 2 of this Act. The meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, that the board of assessors in said proposed Town of Somerville shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the plantation clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session on the day of election and on such additional days thereto as they may determine. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of sections 1 and 2 of this Act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Converting Somerville Plantation into the Town of Somerville,' passed by the 106th Legislature, first special session, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting, sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof at the annual meeting in March, 1974; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this Act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast at the next previous gubernatorial election within said territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the board of assessors of the Plantation of Somerville, and due certificate shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 6, 1974

CHAPTER 187

AN ACT Relating to Name of Maine Ambulance and Rescue Association.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, since the Maine Ambulance and Rescue Association has members from all the counties of the State of Maine and preparations have been made to have the association become incorporated; and

Whereas, under the general law, it is necessary for the Legislature to permit the use of the name under which the association will be incorporated; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid the association to expand its membership for the benefit of Maine people; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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