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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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**5-A. Exception for hermetically sealed containers. This section shall not apply to hermetically sealed containers.**

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

Effective June 5, 1981

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**CHAPTER 434**  
**S. P. 455 — L. D. 1301**

**AN ACT to Require Public Hearings Prior to Proposing Exchanges of Public Reserved Lands.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 30 MRSA § 4169, sub-§ 1-A, next to last ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 495, § 2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2.** 30 MRSA § 4169, sub-§ 1-B is enacted to read:

**1-B. Notice for sales, exchanges and relocations.** Prior to requesting approval under subsection 1 and review under subsection 1-A, the director shall give notice of the proposed sale, exchange or relocation and may hold a public hearing, provided that he shall hold a public hearing if requested by any party.

Effective September 18, 1981

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**CHAPTER 435**  
**H. P. 252 — L. D. 292**

**AN ACT to Remove the Towns of Medford, Osborn and Great Pond and Lakeville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 12 MRSA § 1201, 4th ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read:

**Municipalities Municipality:** ~~Osborn Plantation~~ No. 33 Plantation.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 1201, 4th ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read:

**Municipalities Municipality:** Osborn Plantation No. ~~33~~ Plantation.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 1201, 6th ¶, last sentence**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 720, § 2, is further amended to read:

**Municipalities:** Drew Plantation, Grand Falls Plantation, ~~Lakeville Plantation~~ Seboeis Plantation. Webster Plantation.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 1201, 7th ¶, 2nd sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read:

**Other townships:** Harford's Point; Cove Point; All islands in Moosehead; ~~Medford~~; Orneville.

**Sec. 5. Referendum.** The legal voters within the towns and plantation affected by this Act shall vote on this Act as it relates to their town or plantation prior to April 1, 1982. The elections shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 2061 and 2065. Ballots shall be prepared containing the following question:

“Shall (Name of town or plantation) be removed from the Maine Forestry District?”

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same. This Act shall be approved by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of the question equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of votes cast in the town or plantation for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the appropriate municipal officials and certified to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** Each of the sections 1 to 4 of this Act shall separately become effective upon a majority vote of the voters of the town or plantation concerned pursuant to section 5 of this Act.

Effective pending referendum

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## CHAPTER 436

H. P. 1506 — L. D. 1619

**AN ACT to Revise the Law Concerning Absentee Voting.**