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**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 1201, 4th ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read: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**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 1201, 7th ¶, 2nd sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read: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

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 701, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

4. "Written instrument" includes any token, coin, stamp, seal, badge, trademark, credit card, **absentee ballot application, absentee ballot envelope**, other evidence or symbol of value, right, privilege or identification, and any paper, document or other written instrument containing written or printed matter or its equivalent;

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 1 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. **Absentee ballots to be identical. Absentee ballots shall be identical in respect to the regular ballots used at an election, except that the words "Absentee Ballot" shall be printed conspicuously on at least one side of the folded ballot.**

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 718, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**It shall contain a conspicuously-printed summary warning of the provisions of Title 17-A, section 703.**

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 2-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 387, § 1, is amended to read:

2-A. **Form of envelope.** The return envelope in which the absentee ballot is to be placed shall include on its outside a conspicuously printed **summary** warning to the voter of the provisions of section 1258 ~~and of~~, section 1579, ~~subsection 13~~ **subsections 4 and 15, and Title 17-A, section 703.**

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

6. **Denial of application.** Whenever an application for an absentee ballot is denied, the municipal clerk shall notify the applicant forthwith in writing of the reason for the denial.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 437

H. P. 1512 — L. D. 1628

**AN ACT to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws.**