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An Act To Change the Name of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to Cedar Lake Township

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

Whereas, this legislation proposes a referendum to ratify changing the name of the unorganized territory referred to currently as Township 3, Range 9, NWP, and located in Penobscot County to Cedar Lake Township; and

Whereas, residents in the township receive mail by direct delivery to their mailboxes; and

Whereas, because of confusion with Canadian mail, the United States Postal Service does not allow for numbers to be used in the name of the township; and

Whereas, unless the name of the township is changed, the residents will not be able to receive mail in their mailboxes; 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. Cedar Lake Township. Wherever the designation Township 3, Range 9, NWP, appears or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means Cedar Lake Township.

Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters residing in the unorganized territory of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, in Penobscot County. The date of the submission must be determined by the Penobscot County Board of Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The Penobscot County commissioners are authorized to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots, on which they shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question:

"Do you favor changing the name of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to Cedar Lake Township?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question.

This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election.

The result of the election must be declared by the Penobscot County commissioners and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Penobscot County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to rename the township Cedar Lake Township.