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An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MATLACK of St. George,

Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §206 is amended to read:

§206. State flag

The flag to be known as the official flag of the State shall be of blue, of the same color as the blue field in the flag of the United States, and of the following dimensions and designs; to wit, the length or height of the staff to be 9 feet, including brass spearhead and ferrule; the fly of said flag to be 5 feet 6 inches, and to be 4 feet 4 inches on the staff; in the center of the flag there shall be embroidered in silk on both sides of the flag the coat of arms of the State, in proportionate size; the edges to be trimmed with knotted fringe of yellow silk, 2 1/2 inches wide; a cord, with tassels, to be attached to the staff at the spearhead, to be 8 feet 6 inches long and composed of white and blue silk strands must be buff, charged with the emblem of the State, a pine tree proper, in the center, and the North Star, a mullet of 5 points, in blue in the upper corner; the star to be equidistant from the hoist and the upper border of the flag, the distance from the 2 borders to the center of the star being equal to about 1/4 of the hoist, this distance and the size of the star being proportionate to the size of the flag. A flag made in accordance with the description given in this section shall must be kept in the office of the Adjutant General as a model.

18 SUMMARY

This bill replaces the current State of Maine flag with the flag that was in use before 1909.