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House of Representatives, January 10, 2017

**An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in
the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

1 **Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government
2 to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local
3 revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to
4 the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to
5 each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

7 **Sec. 1. Sinclair.** Wherever the designation Township 17, Range 4, WELS, appears
8 or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means
9 Sinclair.

10 **Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification.** This Act must be submitted to the legal
11 voters residing in the unorganized territory of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in
12 Aroostook County. The date of the submission must be determined by the Aroostook
13 County Board of Commissioners but may not be later than 6 months after adjournment of
14 the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The Aroostook County commissioners
15 are authorized to expend such funds as necessary to implement the referendum.

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

18 "Do you favor changing the name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, to
19 Sinclair?"

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

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

24 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** The name change in section 1 of this Act takes effect
25 immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election
26 held pursuant to section 2.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill authorizes the Aroostook County Board of Commissioners to seek approval
29 from the residents of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, to rename the township to Sinclair.