9 May 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 992, “An Act To Authorize Moving the Town Line between Baileyville and Baring Plantation.”

The Town of Baileyville built the “Baileyville Commercial Park.” Baileyville built roads to the park and installed sewer and water service. Two lots in the park have now been sold. Only after this had all taken place was it discovered that the “Baileyville Commercial Park” is not actually located in Baileyville. It turns out the park is actually located in Baring Plantation. This bill was submitted in order to move the boundaries of the Town of Baileyville to include approximately 60 acres upon which the commercial park was built.

My objection to this bill is that boundaries exist for reasons, and there should be compelling reasons for them to be changed. It is incumbent on planners to understand what land belongs to them before they begin building. I believe there are other options available to the towns that do not require their boundaries to be moved.

For this reason, I return LD 992 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor