

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 162.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 2, 1883. }

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required to give to this House, according to the provisions of the Constitution in this behalf, their opinion on the construction of the Constitution relating to the Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, upon this point, to wit :

Whether, in making an Apportionment of Representatives amongst the several counties, as provided by the Constitution, it requires the Legislature to take into consideration the fractions left in making the apportionment for Senators ;

And whereas, The Apportionment now pending before the Legislature of the State of Maine for members of the House of Representatives of said State is based upon a population of 648,330, as adopted by a vote of the Legislature, and said number of inhabitants being divided by 151, the number of representatives comprising said House, gives the number of inhabitants required for each representative ;

And whereas, After assigning 143 Representatives to the several counties, as per table annexed, there remain 8 additional Representatives, which the Legislature proposes to assign as follows, based as set forth in the annexed table, viz : to Androscoggin 1, Aroostook 1, Hancock 1, Kennebec 1, Knox 1, Lincoln 1, Somerset 1 and York 1 ;

And whereas, The counties of Somerset and Kennebec, during the present decade, will contain and carry the following actual fractions of population, viz: Somerset, 2,284, Kennebec, 1,538, but will, by their relative decrease for the coming decade, carry only the following fractions, viz: Somerset, 1,148, Kennebec, 1,457, while the County of Sagadahoc, during the present decade, will contain and carry the actual fraction of 2,102, and will, by the relative increase for the coming decade, contain and carry the fraction of 2,339 unrepresented; therefore, be it further

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine be and are hereby requested to inform this House whether such an Apportionment, giving to the counties of Somerset and Kennebec each one Representative upon its said fraction, and to the County of Sagadahoc no Representative on its said fraction, if passed by the Legislature as proposed, will be in accordance with the Constitution of this State.

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Presented by Mr. ROGERS of Bath, and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*



	Population, 1870.	Population, 1880.	Increase, 1870-1880.	Decrease, 1870-1880.	Increase, Per Cent, 1870-1880.	Decrease, Per Cent, 1870-1880.	Representatives, 1870.	Representatives, 1880.	Representatives, Fraction, 1880.	Representatives, Increase, 1880.	Relative Representative Fraction, 1885.	Relative Representative Increase, 1885.		Representatives, Fractions.	
Androscoggin,	35,866	45,044	9,178		.26 1-4		9	10	2,109		6,698	1	1	9,088	Aroostook.
Aroostook,	29,609	41,689	12,080		.40		7	9	3,048		9,088	1	2	6,698	Androscoggin.
Cumberland,	82,021	85,344	4,323		.05 1-4		20	20	474		2,635	1	3	4,780	Hancock.
Franklin,	18,807	18,177		630		.03 3-8	5	4	1,004		689		4	3,805	Knox.
Hancock,	36,495	38,131	1,636		.04 1-2		9	8	3,962		4,780	1	5	3,202	York.
Kennebec,	53,223	53,061		162		.00 $\frac{3}{10}$	13	12	1,538		1,457		6	2,929	Lincoln.
Knox,	30,823	32,861	2,038		.06 1-2		8	7	2,806		3,805	1	7	2,635	Cumberland.
Lincoln,	25,597	24,803		794		.03	6	5	3,329		2,929	1	8	2,339	Sagadahoc.
Oxford,	33,488	32,625		863		.02 1-2	8	7	2,570		2,149		9	2,158	Piscataquis.
Penobscot,	74,643	70,090		4,553		.06 1-8	18	16	1,394		-873		10	2,149	Oxford.
Piscataquis,	14,403	14,826	423		.03		3	3	1,946		2,158		11	1,892	Washington.
Sagadahoc,	18,803	19,276	473		.02 1-2		4	4	2,102		2,339	1	12	1,457	Kennebec.
Somerset,	34,611	32,336		2,272		.06 1-2	8	7	2,284		1,148		13	1,296	Waldo.
Waldo,	34,522	32,460		2,054		6	8	7	2,413		1,296		14	1,148	Somerset.
Washington,	43,343	44,341	993		.02 $\frac{3}{16}$		10	10	1,396		1,892		15	689	Franklin,
York,	60,174	62,265	2,091		.03 1-2		15	14	2,156		3,202	1	16	-873	Penobscot.
	626,428	648,330										8			

Aroostook has 11 Indians.

Cumberland, 16 "

Knox, 1 "

Lincoln, 6 "

Penobscot, 388 "

Piscataquis, 47 "

Washington, 146 "

648,330 divided by 151 equals 4,293 87-151, number required for each Representative.
 " " 31 " 20,914, " " " Senator

615 " have been deducted from above population of 1880.