

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 231

H. P. 706

House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT to Incorporate the Sebasco Mosquito Abatement
District.

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

Section 1. Territory defined for Sebasco Mosquito Abatement District. So much of the territory of the town of Phippsburg, in the County of Sagadahoc, as is South of a line extending from Barker Head on the Kennebec River, Westerly across said town to the Basin so called near Sabasco in said town, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of Sebasco Mosquito Abatement District.

Sect. 2. Invested with power to raise money. Said corporation is hereby invested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose to raise such sums of money as may be sufficient for the drainage and other work necessary for extermination of mosquitoes and for the maintenance of the ditches and other work already done within said territory for the extermination of mosquitoes and for officers' salaries and expenses and such other current expenses as this act calls for.

Sect. 3. Money raised to be assessed upon property and polls. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the overseers of said corporation,

in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and said overseers may abate any tax by them so assessed. The tax on polls shall not exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one year.

Sect. 4. Assessment. Upon a certificate being filed with the overseers of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said overseers, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the overseers shall certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Sect. 5. Officers. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, three overseers, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, who may or may not be a resident of said territory, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation, all of whom shall be duly sworn in by the clerk or by a notary public. One person may hold more than one office.

Sect. 6. By-laws and provisions. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof, called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state and the United States, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of the affairs of said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted, shall extend to said corporation as fully, to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

Sect. 7. Meetings of corporation. All the meetings of said corporation after the first shall be notified by warrant of the overseers, notices of which shall be posted in two conspicuous public places within its limits, seven days prior to the meeting and published in a county newspaper in the two successive

issues next preceding the date of said meeting, which notices shall state the time, place and objects of said meeting.

Sect. 8. Acceptance of charter within five years. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from the date of its approval by the governor, and its rejection in any calendar year during the time aforesaid shall not prevent its acceptance in any later calendar year during the time aforesaid; but only one meeting to vote thereon shall be held in any one calendar year. Nathan A. Cushman, Joseph E. Brazier and Freeman H. Merritt, or any one of them, may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, by such notification as is required under the provisions of section seven hereof; and all meetings subsequent to the acceptance of this charter shall be called and notified by the overseers of said corporation as provided under section seven hereof.

Sect. 9. All persons of legal age who reside or who own real estate within the limits of said corporation as described in section one shall be legal voters at any meeting of said district at which they are present. The overseers of said district shall determine who are the legal voters at any meeting and shall prepare a list of said voters at least twenty-four hours before every meeting, which said list they must amend or correct at any time before the meeting or during its progress. The vote upon any proposition at any meeting shall be taken and checked by this list upon the demand of five legal voters.

Sect. 10. Procedure in acceptance of charter. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of this act the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk, both of whom shall be sworn by a notary public or justice of the peace for the faithful discharge of their duties and thereupon said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all the legal voters present and voting at said meeting shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect and said corporation may immediately after said vote is declared, proceed to the adoption of by-laws and election of officers as provided in sections five and six of this act.