

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1897

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,
February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

AUGUSTA
KENNEBEC JOURNAL PRINT
1897

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1897.

Chapter 566.

An Enabling Act for the annexation of Deering to Portland.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. The chief justice of the supreme judicial court shall, upon application of fifty qualified voters of the city of Portland and fifty qualified voters of the city of Deering, appoint a commission of three disinterested men not resident of either Portland or Deering, acting with one citizen resident of Portland and one citizen resident of Deering, who shall be chosen by their respective city governments, who shall after hearing, fix upon the terms and conditions of the annexation of the city of Deering to the city of Portland, and shall determine the number of wards and the ward lines within the city of Portland as enlarged by said annexation.

Appoint-
ment of
com-
mission to fix
conditions
of annexa-
tion of
Deering to
city of
Portland.

—qualifica-
tion of.

—shall de-
termine
number of
wards, and
ward lines.

Sect. 2. The said commission shall make its report of the terms and conditions of said annexation to the board of mayor and aldermen of the cities of Portland and Deering, not earlier than the first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, nor later than the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, whereupon said board of mayor and aldermen shall forthwith issue warrants for meetings of the qualified voters of their respective cities to vote upon the question of the annexation of said city of Deering to said city of Portland upon the terms and conditions of said report, to take place at the regular annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in March, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, or in case either city shall not hold its annual meeting in March, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a special meeting may be called and held during said month for the purposes named in this chapter; and this act shall be void unless the inhabitants of the city of Portland, and the inhabitants of the city of Deering, shall, at said meetings, each determine to adopt the same; at said meetings those favoring said annexation shall vote yes and those opposing shall vote no and thereupon the same proceedings shall be had respecting the sorting, counting, declaring and recording the returns of said votes as is provided for the election of mayors; and the boards of mayor and aldermen of said cities shall within three days thereafter meet and compare the returns of the ward officers and if it appears that a majority of all the votes given in on said annexation in each city is in favor thereof, the mayors

When com-
mission
shall re-
port.

—meetings
to vote
upon ques-
tion of an-
nexation,
when held.

—act shall
be void, un-
less ac-
cepted by
both cities.

—manner
of voting
and declar-
ing votes.

—mayor
shall make
proclama-
tion, if ma-
jority of
votes are in
favor
of annexa-
tion.

CHAP. 566

of said cities shall forthwith make proclamation of the fact and thereupon this act shall take effect, and the city of Deering shall thereafterwards be annexed and become a part of the city of Portland upon the terms and conditions of the report of said commissioners.

In case of adoption, city governments and terms of officers shall continue until next election.

Sect. 3. In case of a vote in favor of said annexation by the qualified voters as herein provided, the then existing city governments of said cities of Portland and Deering, shall continue, with the same powers and authorities as they may then have under their respective city charters and the terms of all city officers of said cities of Portland and Deering, shall not expire, until the next regular municipal election under the then charter of said city of Portland.

Ward lines shall be determined by commission.

Sect. 4. In case of the adoption of this act as herein provided the ward lines of the city of Portland, as enlarged by the annexation of said city of Deering, shall thereafter be as determined by said commission and at the first and regular municipal election under the then charter of said city of Portland thereafter, there shall be elected like ward officers and members of the city council from each ward, as may then be provided for in said charter of said city of Portland, and until the next apportionment of representatives to the legislature, the inhabitants of that portion of the territory now comprising the city of Portland shall be entitled to six representatives, and the inhabitants of that portion of the territory now comprising the city of Deering shall be entitled to one representative, said representatives to be elected by said inhabitants at meeting thereof held in the wards as constituted by said commission.

—election of ward officers.

—representatives to the legislature.

All uncollected taxes in Deering shall be collected through officers of Portland.

Sect. 5. Upon the consummation of the annexation as herein provided, the city of Portland, through its proper officers, shall have the same power to collect all uncollected taxes in the present city of Deering, and to complete all other unfinished business of every nature, as the officers of said city of Deering would have had if annexation had not taken place.

Approved March 27, 1897.