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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.**

(EXTRA SESSION.)

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**NO. 4.]**

**[SENATE.**

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**A N A C T**

**FOR APPORTIONING**

**REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.**

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**[Wm. R. SMITH & Co.....Printers to the State.]**

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, May 25, 1842.

ORDERED, That 300 copies of this Report and Bill, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, MAY 25, 1842.

The Joint Select Committee to which was referred the subject of Districting the State for nine and ten Representatives to Congress, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill which is herewith submitted.

VIRGIL D. PARRIS, *Chairman.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND FORTY TWO.

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AN ACT additional to an act providing for the choice of Representatives to Congress, approved March 17, 1842.

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

SECTION 1. If congress fix upon such a ratio

4        REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.

2 of representation under the sixth census as will  
3 entitle this State to nine Representatives to con-  
4 gress, they shall be elected by Districts, as fol-  
5 lows:—

6        The county of York shall compose the *First*  
7 *District* and be entitled to one Representative.

8        The county of Cumberland with the exception  
9 of Durham, Brunswick, Harpswell, Danville,  
10 Minot and Auburn, shall compose the second  
11 District and be entitled to one Representative.

12        The county of Kennebec with the exception  
13 of Albion, Winslow, China, Vassalboro', Wind-  
14 sor, Clinton, Clinton Gore, Dearborn, Water-  
15 ville, and territory north of Albion, together with  
16 the following towns from the county of Cumber-  
17 land, to wit: Durham, Brunswick, Harpswell,  
18 Danville, Minot and Auburn, and the following  
19 towns from the county of Lincoln, to wit: Lew-  
20 iston, Lisbon, Webster and Bowdoin, shall com-  
21 pose the third District and be entitled to one  
22 Representative.

23        The remainder of the county of Lincoln shall  
24 compose the fourth District and be entitled to  
25 one Representative.

26        The counties of Oxford and Franklin shall

27 compose the fifth District and be entitled to one  
28 Representative.

29 The counties of Somerset and Piscataquis to-  
30 gether with Clinton, Waterville, Dearborn, Clin-  
31 ton Gore, and the territory north of Albion, shall  
32 compose the sixth District and be entitled to one  
33 Representative.

34 The county of Waldo together with Albion,  
35 Winslow, China, Vassalborough and Windsor,  
36 shall compose the seventh District and be enti-  
37 tled to one Representative.

38 The counties of Penobscot and Aroostook  
39 shall compose the eighth District and be entitled  
40 to one Representative.

41 The counties of Hancock and Washington  
42 shall compose the ninth District and be entitled  
43 to one Representative.

SECT. 2. If Congress fix upon such a ratio as  
2 will entitle this State to ten Representatives to  
3 Congress, they shall be elected by Districts, as  
4 follows—

5 York county shall compose one District and  
6 be entitled to one Representative.

7 Cumberland county, with the exception of  
8 Minot, Auburn, Danville, Pownal, Durham,  
9 Harpswell, Brunswick, Freeport, North Yar-

6 REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.

10 mouth, Cumberland and Falmouth, together with  
11 the following towns from the county of Oxford,  
12 to wit: Porter, Hiram, Brownfield, and Den-  
13 mark, shall compose the second District and be  
14 entitled to one Representative.

15 The remainder of the county of Oxford and  
16 the county of Franklin shall compose the third  
17 District, and be entitled to one Representative.

18 The several towns in the county of Cumber-  
19 land not included in the second District, together  
20 with all that part of Lincoln county which lies  
21 west of the Kennebec river, except the town of  
22 Phippsburg, together with the towns of Greene,  
23 Wales, Litchfield, Leeds and Monmouth, in the  
24 county of Kennebec, shall compose the fourth  
25 District and be entitled to one Representative.

26 The remaining part of Lincoln county shall  
27 compose the fifth District and be entitled to one  
28 Representative.

29 The remaining part of the county of Kenne-  
30 bec with the exception of Clinton, Albion, Chi-  
31 na, Clinton Gore and territory north of Albion,  
32 together with the towns of Fairfield, Smithfield,  
33 Bloomfield, Mercer, Skowhegan and Starks, in  
34 the county of Somerset, shall compose the sixth



35 District and be entitled to one Representative.

36 The county of Waldo, together with Clinton,  
37 Albion, China, Clinton Gore, and the territory  
38 north of Albion in the county of Kennebec, shall  
39 compose the seventh District, and be entitled to  
40 one Representative.

41 The county of Penobscot, with the exception  
42 of so much thereof north of the south lines of  
43 townships letter A, shall compose the eighth  
44 District, and be entitled to one Representative.

45 The counties of Hancock and Washington  
46 shall compose the ninth District and be entitled  
47 to one Representative.

48 The counties of Piscataquis and Aroostook  
49 together with the remainders of the counties of  
50 Somerset and Penobscot shall compose the tenth  
51 District, and be entitled to one Representative.

52 The Representatives chosen in the several  
53 Districts shall at the time of their election be  
54 residents therein. The foregoing division of the  
55 State into Representative Districts shall be and  
56 continue in force until an apportionment of Rep-  
57 resentatives among the several States shall be  
58 made by Congress after the taking of the seventh

8 REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.

59 census : *provided*, the ratio which may be estab-  
60 lished in apportioning Representatives according  
61 to the sixth census shall be such as to entitle this  
62 State to the aforesaid numbers of nine, or ten  
63 Representatives.

SECT. 3. The election for representatives to  
2 Congress shall take place and be on the second  
3 Monday of September, one thousand eight hun-  
4 dred and forty-two, and thereafter biennially.

SECT. 4. So much of section three of an act  
2 entitled "an act providing for the choice of rep-  
3 resentatives to Congress," approved February  
4 twenty-eighth, A. D. eighteen hundred and thir-  
5 ty-three, as relates to the manner of calling  
6 meetings for the choice of representatives to  
7 Congress, and the duties of officers of towns in  
8 presiding in said meetings and making returns  
9 of votes, and also sections four, five, six and sev-  
10 en of said act, shall continue and be in force,  
11 except so far as the same may have been chang-  
12 ed by the Revised Statutes of this State.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.