

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1843.**

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No. 33.]

[SENATE

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REPORT

IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF

REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 17, 1843.

The select committee of the Senate, to which was committed the minority report of the joint select committee, and amendments, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the apportionment of members to Congress, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

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the following plan, to wit:—

1st—York and Oxford, excepting Buxton, Hollis, Limington and Cornish, in York county, and excepting Turner in Oxford, 81,414

2d—Cumberland, excepting Auburn, together with Buxton, Hollis, Limington and Cornish, in York county, 75,186

3d—Kennebec, excepting Wales and Greene; and Franklin county. 74,542

4th—Lincoln, together with Auburn in Cumberland county, and Turner in Oxford county, and Green and Wales in Kennebec county, 70,051

5th—Waldo, excepting Vinalhaven; and Somerset county, 73,497

6th—Penobscot and Piscataquis, 59,137

7th—Hancock, Washington and Aroostook, and Vinalhaven in Waldo county, 68,318

Your committee have, in the spirit of *compromise*, yielded their preferences for a *strict* adherence to county

lines, in order to obtain such an *equality of population*, in the several districts, as would be more satisfactory to those who have regarded equality of population, as being of paramount consideration. They have, however, in accordance with these views, consented *to the least possible infraction of counties*. It will be seen, that but *nine* towns, out of nearly four hundred in the State, are separated from the counties in which they belong, by the above plan. A compromise between those who believe that county lines should be *strictly adhered to*, and those who assert that equality of population should be regarded in the several districts, could not be made with a *less* infraction of counties. Entertaining these views, your committee would report a bill, which is herewith submitted.

E. K. SMART, *Per order.*

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT providing for the choice of Representatives  
to Congress.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-  
tatives in Legislature assembled*—as follows :

3 SECTION 1. The counties of York, excepting  
4 Buxton, Hollis, Limington and Cornish, and Oxford,  
5 excepting Turner, shall compose the first district,  
6 and be entitled to one representative.

7 The county of Cumberland, excepting Auburn,  
8 together with the towns of Buxton, Hollis, Liming-  
9 ton and Cornish, in York county, shall constitute the  
10 second district, and be entitled one representative.

11 The counties of Kennebec, excepting Wales and  
12 Greene ; and Franklin, shall constitute the third dis-  
13 trict, and be entitled to one representative.

14 The county of Lincoln, together with Auburn in  
15 Cumberland county, and Turner in Oxford county,  
16 and Greene and Wales in Kennebec county, shall  
17 constitute the fourth district, and be entitled to one  
18 representative.

19 The counties of Waldo excepting Vinalhaven, and  
20 Somerset, shall constitute the fifth district, and be  
21 entitled to one representative.

22 The counties of Penobscot and Piscataquis shall  
23 constitute the sixth district, and be entitled to one  
24 representative.

25 The counties of Hancock, Washington and Aroos-  
26 took, together with Vinalhaven in Waldo county,  
27 shall constitute the seventh district, and be entitled to  
28 one representative.

SEC. 2. The representatives chosen in the several  
2 districts shall at the time of their election, be residents  
3 therein. The foregoing division of the State into  
4 representative districts shall be, and continue in force  
5 until an apportionment of representatives among the  
6 several States shall be made by Congress, after the  
7 taking of the seventh census.

SEC. 3. The election of representatives to Con-  
2 gress, shall take place and be on the second Monday  
3 of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty  
4 three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty four,  
5 and thereafter biennially.

SEC. 4. So much of section three of an act enti-  
2 tled "an act providing for the choice of representa-  
3 tives to Congress," approved February 28th, A. D.  
4 1833, as relates to the manner of calling meetings  
5 for the choice of representatives to Congress, and  
6 the duties of officers of towns in presiding in said



7 meetings and making returns of votes, and also sec-  
8 tions four, five, six and seven of said act, shall con-  
9 tinue and be in force, except so far as the same may  
10 have been changed by the revised statutes of this  
11 State.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 17, 1843.

Laid upon the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed for  
the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*