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[SENATE.

A N A C T

TO INCORPORATE THE

TOWN OF KENNEBEC.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the town of Kennebec.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives in Legislature assembled*—as follows :

3 SECTION 1. That the territory included within
4 the following described boundaries, to wit: be-
5 ginning on the north line of Augusta, and on
6 the west line of a gore at the end of the third
7 mile from Kennebec river, thence southerly on the
8 west line of said gore to land of Bethiah Knowles,
9 thence easterly on the north line of said Knowles
10 to land of Sewall Longfellow, thence to the east
11 line of said gore, thence southerly on the east line
12 of said Longfellow to land of William Goldthwait,
13 easterly on the north line of said Goldthwait to the
14 northeast corner of said Goldthwait's land, thence
15 southerly on the east line of said Goldthwait and the
16 east line of land owned by Timothy and Timothy
17 Goldthwait, jr. to land of Salmon Rockwood, thence
18 easterly on the north line of said Rockwood to said
19 Rockwood's northeast corner, thence southerly to the

20 northeast corner of land of Levi Thwing in Hallowell,
21 thence southerly on the east line of said Thwing to
22 the southeast corner of said Thwing's, thence westerly
23 to the southwest corner of said Thwing's, thence
24 southerly to Jimmy's stream, following said stream to
25 Jimmy's pond, down said pond to the outlet, following
26 the outlet of said pond to Hutchins' pond, thence to
27 the south line of Hallowell, thence westerly on the
28 south line of Hallowell till it strikes Gardiner stream,
29 across said stream to the south line of land owned by
30 Paul Collins in Litchfield, thence westerly on the
31 south line of said Collins to Winthrop great pond,
32 thence northerly to the outlet of Whiting's pond in
33 Winthrop, up said outlet to Whiting's pond, across
34 said pond to the west line of land owned by Samuel
35 Richards on the north side of said pond, thence north-
36 erly on the west line of land owned by Oren Brain-
37 ard and James Brainard to land owned by Elisha Case
38 in Readfield, thence westerly on the south line of said
39 Case to said Case's southwest corner, thence norther-
40 ly on said Case's west line to the land of John Graves,
41 thence northerly on the west line of said Graves to
42 said Graves' northwest corner, thence easterly to land
43 of widow Carr, thence northerly on the west line of
44 said Carr and the west line of land owned by widow
45 Adams, William Taylor, Joseph Knowles, Eliab Lyon,
46 jr., Elisha Prescott, Stephen Hill and William Hill to
47 the north line of Readfield, thence easterly on the
48 north line of Readfield to the northwest corner of

49 Augusta, thence easterly on the north line of Augusta
50 to the bounds first mentioned, be and hereby is incor-
51 porated into a town by the name of Kennebec, and
52 the inhabitants thereof are hereby vested with all the
53 powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabi-
54 tants of other towns within this State, do or may, by
55 law enjoy.

SEC. 2. All persons now chargeable as paupers to
2 the said towns of Augusta, Hallowell, Winthrop,
3 Readfield and Litchfield, who reside within the limits
4 of the town of Kennebec hereby created, or who, if
5 supported at a poor house in either of said five towns,
6 resided within the limits of the town of Kennebec
7 when transferred to such poor house, or who if sup-
8 ported by either of said five towns in any other town
9 or place, did at the time of their last residence within
10 the town supporting them, reside within the limits of
11 the town of Kennebec, shall hereafter be chargeable
12 to the town of Kennebec.

SEC. 3. All corporate property, real and personal,
2 belonging to either of said five towns, shall be and
3 remain their property respectively, except the fire en-
4 gine belonging to Hallowell, and now at the cross
5 roads village in said town, which shall be the property
6 of the town of Kennebec.

SEC. 4. All debts due by either of the said five
2 towns, (except Readfield), shall be paid by them re-
3 spectively without any claim upon the town of Ken-
4 nebec therefor.

SEC. 5. The valuation of such of the said five towns shall be reduced by the amount of estate and number of polls hereby transferred to the town of Kennebec, and such estate and polls shall be determined by the selectmen and assessors thereof respectively, and officially certified within thirty days from the passage of this act to the Treasurer of State, who shall make a corresponding abatement of the State tax of the present year upon the said towns. And the aggregate of the reductions from the valuation of the said five towns, shall be the valuation of the town of Kennebec, and determine its proportion of State and county taxes. And the Treasurer of State shall certify to the treasurer of the county of Kennebec, the valuation of the town of Kennebec, and the changes, as above, in the valuation of Hallowell, Augusta, Winthrop, Litchfield and Readfield. And the Treasurer of State is hereby authorized to collect from the town of Kennebec, so much of the State tax of the present year, as he is authorized above to deduct from the amount imposed upon the said five towns.

SEC. 6. Samuel P. Benson, of Winthrop, and Robert A. Cony, of Augusta, are authorized to ascertain as soon as may be, the amount of debts due and owing by the town of Readfield at the date of the passage of this act, and also the value of the debts due to the said town, and of the real and personal property belonging to the same. If the amount of debts due, exceeds the amount of the credits and property, they

9 shall ascertain the proportion of such excess of in-
10 debtedness, which that part of Readfield hereby
11 transferred to the town of Kennebec ought to pay ac-
12 cording to its polls and estate. And the town of Ken-
13 nebec shall be held to pay to the town of Readfield,
14 the amount so ascertained, within one year from the
15 date of the report of the said Benson and Cony, and
16 with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per
17 annum to be reckoned from the passage of this act.
18 And if the said Benson and Cony, or either of them,
19 shall not within thirty days from the passage of this
20 act, notify the judge of probate for the county of
21 Kennebec of their acceptance of the trust hereby cre-
22 ated, the said judge shall appoint some other suitable
23 person or persons, to discharge the same. And the
24 expense of the commission hereby created, shall be
25 paid by the town of Kennebec.

SEC. 7. Until the next apportionment for the choice
2 of representatives to the legislature, the town of Ken-
3 nebec shall be added to the representative district
4 composed of the towns of Readfield and Fayette,
5 which said district shall hereafter consist of the towns
6 of Readfield, Fayette and Kennebec, and be entitled
7 to one representative each year.

SEC. 8. Any justice of the peace for the county of
2 Kennebec, may issue his warrant to any inhabitant of
3 the new town hereby created, directing him to notify
4 the first meeting of the inhabitants thereof for the
5 transaction of town business, at such time and place,

6 and in such manner, but as early at least as the fif-
7 teenth day of April next, as such justice may think
8 proper.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its
2 approval by the governor.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. BRIDGHAM.

Insert between the 8th and 9th sections :

Any five legal voters within the proposed town, 2 may in writing apply to any justice of the peace 3 within the county, and he shall thereupon issue his 4 warrant calling a meeting of the legal voters afore- 5 said, and cause the same to be posted up in three 6 conspicuous places within said town, ten days at least 7 before the time appointed for said meeting. When 8 the said voters have assembled together, they shall 9 proceed to choose a chairman and secretary, and then 10 vote on the question, "whether they will accept this 11 act of incorporation." If a majority are in favor of 12 accepting, then this act shall take effect from and af- 13 ter that day, and the said voters may then determine 14 how a meeting shall be called for the organization of 15 the town. If a majority shall be opposed to accept- 16 ing, then this act shall be thereafter void.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 6, 1843.

ORDERED: That 300 copies of the foregoing bill, and proposed amendment, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*