

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 5.]

[HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to divide the Towns of Prospect and Belfast,
and to incorporate the easterly part of Belfast and the
westerly part of Prospect into a new town by the name
of Searsport.

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

SECTION 1. All that part of the town of Prospect
lying west of the eastern line of school district num-
ber two, extending from the shore of Penobscot bay
northerly to the dividing line between lots numbered
five and six ; south of said dividing line extending to
the southeast corner of lot numbered sixteen, and
west of a line extending from said southeast corner of
lot numbered sixteen, between said lot and lot num-
bered fifteen, northerly to Half Moon Pond ; thence
northerly through said pond to the line between the
lot of James Field, Jr. and the lot of Samuel Crock-

14 ett and Samuel Batchelder ; thence by said line to the
15 line of Frankfort. And all that part of Belfast lying
16 easterly of the western line of school district num-
17 ber twelve, and the western lines of lots numbered
18 two, eleven and twenty three, in school district num-
19 ber eighteen ; and lots numbered twenty three, thirty
20 three and fifty two, in the northern or border division
21 of half lots according to the plan of Alexander Clark
22 and Robert Houston ; are hereby set off from the
23 towns of Prospect and Belfast respectively, and incor-
24 porated into a town by the name of Searsport ; and
25 the inhabitants thereof are hereby invested with all
26 the powers, privileges and immunities, and subjected
27 to the duties and liabilities incident to the inhabitants
28 of other towns in this state.

SEC. 2. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport
2 shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes which
3 have been legally assessed upon them by said towns
4 of Prospect and Belfast.

SEC. 3. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport
2 shall be holden to pay the debts due from the said
3 towns of Prospect and Belfast, and entitled to receive
4 the debts and taxes due to said towns at the time this
5 act shall take effect, in the proportion that the valua-
6 tion of that part of Belfast now included in said
7 Searsport bears to the valuation of said town of Bel-
8 fast, and that the valuation of that part of Prospect
9 now included in said town of Searsport bears to the
10 valuation of said town of Prospect ; and the valuation

11 herein mentioned shall in each case be the last annual
12 valuations of said towns.

SEC. 4. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport
2 shall be holden to contribute towards the support of
3 all persons now chargeable as paupers in said towns
4 of Belfast and Prospect according to the proportion
5 specified in the preceding section of this act; and
6 all persons who may hereafter become chargeable as
7 paupers shall be considered as belonging to that town
8 on whose territory they may have a legal settlement,
9 and shall be supported by the same.

SEC. 5. The several collectors of taxes for the
2 towns of Prospect and Belfast are hereby authorized
3 and empowered to collect and pay all taxes to them
4 already committed agreeable to their several warrants,
5 and also all taxes which have been legally assessed,
6 and which may be hereafter committed to said col-
7 lectors.

SEC. 6. The said towns of Prospect and Belfast
2 shall retain the entire public property now owned by
3 said towns.

SEC. 7. Upon application to the county commis-
2 sioners for the county of Waldo, made by the town
3 of Searsport or of Prospect, within one year from the
4 time this act shall take effect, it shall be the duty of
5 said commissioners to appoint a committee of three
6 discreet and disinterested persons to determine and
7 award what sum of money, if any, shall be paid by
8 either of said towns to the other to equalize the ex-

9 penses of supporting bridges; and the sum so
 10 awarded, shall be a gross amount in full discharge of
 11 all liability for such expenses. The county commis-
 12 sioners shall require notice of such application to be
 13 given to the adverse party, and the award of the said
 14 committee, when returned, shall be recorded by the
 15 county commissioners. And said committee, or the
 16 major part of them, shall make their award in writing,
 17 and furnish copies thereof to the clerks of said towns
 18 within three months from the time of their appoint-
 19 ment, and shall also determine the time of payment,
 20 and which of said towns shall pay the expenses of said
 21 committee; and if the town against which the award
 22 may be, shall not within sixty days after such sum or
 23 any part thereof, shall become payable, pay the same,
 24 the town in whose favor such money may be awarded,
 25 may have an action of the case therefor in any court
 26 competent to try the same.

SEC. 8. Said towns of Prospect and Searsport shall
 2 constitute a district to elect one representative to the
 3 legislature of the state until otherwise provided.

SEC. 9. This act shall be in force, and take effect
 2 from and after its approval by the Governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 January 25, 1845. }

Laid on the table, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed
 for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*