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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dunn of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Creating County Commissioner Districts.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 105-A, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 105-A to read as follows:

§ 105-A. Commissioner Districts

The counties shall be divided into 3 districts by the Legislature. The districts shall have as near equal population as possible. The population of each district shall not vary more than 10% from 1/3 of the total population of the county. Districts shall be composed of municipalities adjacent to each other. The districts shall be revised by the Legislature at its next regular session immediately following the taking of the Federal Decennial Census.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 105-B, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 105-B to read as follows:

§ 105-B. Creation of Commissioner Districts

1. Androscoggin County. Androscoggin County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of Lewiston, precincts numbered 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, 5 and 6-1.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Durham,

Green, Leeds, Lewiston, precincts 4-2, 6-2, 7-1 and 7-2 and Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Turner, Wales and Webster.

2. Aroostook County. Aroostook County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Academy Grant, Allagash Plt., Amity, Ashland, Bancroft, Benedicta, Blaine, Bridgewater, Castle Hill, Cary Plt., Chapman, Cox Patent, Crystal, Dyer Brook, Dudley, E Plt., Forkstown, Garfield Plt., Glenwood Plt., Hammond Plt., Haynesville, Hersey, Hodgdon, Houlton, Island Falls, Linneus, Littleton, Ludlow, Macwahoc Plt., Mapleton, Mars Hill, Masardis, Merrill, Monticello, Moro Plt., Molunkus, Nashville Plt., New Limerick, North Yarmouth, Oakfield, Orient, Oxbow Plt., Perham, Portage Lake, Reed Plt., Sherman, Silver Ridge Twp., Smyrna, Squapan, St. Croix, St. Francis Plt., St. John Plt., Wade, Washburn, Webbertown, Westfield, Weston, Winterville Plt., Woodland, Upper Molunkus, TAR₂, TCR₂, TDR₂, T1R₅, 2R₄, 3R₃, 3R₄, 4R₃, 7R₅, 8R₃, 8R₅, 9R₃, 9R₄, 9R₅, 9R₇, 9R₈, 10R₃, 10R₆, 10R₇, 10R₈, 11R₄, 11R₇, 11R₈, 11R₉, 11R₁₀, 11R₁₁, 11R₁₂, 11R₁₃, 11R₁₄, 11R₁₅, 11R₁₆, 11R₁₇, 12R₇, 12R₈, 12R₉, 12R₁₀, 12R₁₁, 12R₁₂, 12R₁₃, 12R₁₄, 12R₁₅, 12R₁₆, 12R₁₇, 13R₅, 13R₇, 13R₈, 13R₉, 13R₁₀, 13R₁₁, 13R₁₂, 13R₁₃, 13R₁₄, 13R₁₅, 13R₁₆, 14R₅, 14R₆, 14R₇, 14R₈, 14R₉, 14R₁₀, 14R₁₁, 14R₁₂, 14R₁₃, 14R₁₄, 14R₁₅, 14R₁₆, 15R₅, 15R₆, 15R₈, 15R₉, 15R₁₀, 15R₁₁, 15R₁₂, 15R₁₃, 15R₁₄, 15R₁₅, 16R₈, 16R₉, 16R₁₂, 16R₁₃, 16R₁₄, 17R₁₂, 17R₁₃, 17R₁₄, 18R₁₀, 18R₁₁, 18R₁₂, 18R₁₃, 19R₁₁, 19R₁₂, 20R₁₁, 20R₁₂ WELS.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Caribou, Connor Twp., Cyr Plt., Easton, Fort Fairfield, New Sweden, Presque Isle, Stockholm, Westmanland Plt., 16R₄ WELS.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Caswell Plt., Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Hamlin Plt., Limestone, Madawaska, New Canada Plt., St. Agatha, Van Buren, Wallagrass Plt., T16R₅, 16R₆, 17R₃, 17R₄, 17R₅ WELS.

3. Cumberland County. Cumberland County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipality of Portland, precincts 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 6-1, 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2 and 3-1.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Cape Elizabeth, Portland, precincts 5-2, 6-2, Scarborough, South Portland and Westbrook.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Casco, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Gray, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Otisfield, Pownal, Raymond, Sebago, Standish, Windham and Yarmouth.

4. Franklin County. Franklin County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Cherterville, Jay and Wilton.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Carthage, Farmington, New Sharon, Perkins Twp., Temple, Washington Twp., and Weld.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Alder Stream, Avon, Beattie, Chain of Ponds, Coburn Gore, Coplin Pt., Dallas Pt., Davis, Eustis, Freeman Twp., Gorham Gore, Industry, Jerusalem, Jim Pond, Kibby Kingfield, Lang, Lowelltown, Madrid, Massachusetts Gore, Merrill Strip, Mt. Abraham, New Vineyard, Phillips, Rangeley, Rangeley Pt., Redington, Salem Twp., Sandy River Pt., Seven Ponds, Skinner, Stetsontown, Strong, Sugarloaf, Tim Pond, Twp. D, Twp. E, Twp. No. 6 and Wyman.

5. Hancock County. Hancock County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Amherst, Aurora, Blue Hill, Dedham, Eastbrook, Ellsworth, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, No. 33 Pt., Osborn Pt., Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Surry, Waltham, Winter Harbor, T16, T22, T28, T32, T34, T35, T39, T40, T41 Middle Division, T3, T4 North Division, T7, T8, T9 and T10 South Division.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Brooklin, Brooksville, Bucksport, Castine, Deer Isle, Long Island Pt., Orland, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Stonington, Swans Island and Verona.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Hancock, Lamoine, Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Trenton.

6. Kennebec County. Kennebec County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Belgrade, Chelsea, Farmingdale, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, Mt. Vernon, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Rome, Vienna, Wayne, West Gardiner and Winthrop.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Benton, Clinton, Oakland, Unity Twp., Waterville and Winslow.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Albion, Augusta, China, Sidney, Vassalboro and Windsor.

7. Knox County. Knox County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Appleton, Camden, Hibberts Gore, Hope, Isle Au Haut, North Haven, Rockport, Vinalhaven and Washington.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Owls Head and Rockland.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Cushing, Friendship, Matinicus Isle Pt., St. George, South Thomaston, Thomaston, Union and Warren.

8. Lincoln County. Lincoln County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Jefferson, Monhegan Pt., Nobleboro, Somerville Pt., Waldoboro and Whitefield.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Westport and Wiscasset.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Alna, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Newcastle and South Bristol.

9. Oxford County. Oxford County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Byron, Mexico, Roxbury and Rumford.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield, Greenwood, Hartford, Hebron, Milton Twp., Oxford, Paris, Peru, Sumner, West Paris and Woodstock.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Adams-town, Albany Twp., Andover, Andover North Surplus, Andover West Surplus, Batchelders Grant, Bethel, Bowmantown, Brownfield, C. Surplus Twp., Denmark, Fryeburg, Gilead, Grafton, Hanover, Hiram, Lincoln Pt., Lovell, Lower Cupsuptic, Lynchtown, Magalloway Pt., Mason Twp., Newry, Norway, Oxbow, Parkertown, Parmachenee, Porter, Richardsontown, Riley, Stoneham, Stow, Sweden, Twp. C, Upper Cupsuptic, Upton and Waterford.

10. Penobscot County. Penobscot County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Alton, Argyle Twp., Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carroll Pt., Charleston, Chester, Corinth, Drew Pt., East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Glenburn, Grand Falls Pt., Greenbush, Greenfield, Grindstone, Herseytown, Hopkins, Academy Grant, Howland, Hudson, Indian Purchase, T4 & T3, Indian Island Voting District, Kenduskeag, Kingman Twp., LaGrange, Lakeville Pt., Lee, Lincoln, Lowell, Mattamiscontis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Milford, Millinocket, Mount Chase Pt., Old Town, Passadumkeag, Patten, Prentiss Pt., Sebois Pt., Soldiertown, Springfield, Stacyville, Summit, Veazie Gore, Webster Pt., Winn, Woodville, TAR7, TAR8, TAR9, T3R1, 5R1, 2R8, 2R9, NBPP, T3R9, NWP, T1R6, 1R8, 2R8, 3R7, 3R8, 4R7, 4R8, 5R7, 5R8, 6R6, 6R7, 6R8, 7R6, 7R7, 7R8, 8R6, 8R7 and 8R8 WELS.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the City of Bangor.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Brewer, Carmel, Clifton, Corinna, Dexter, Dixmont, Eddington, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Hampden, Herman, Holden, Levant, Newburg, Newport, Orono, Orrington, Plymouth, Stetson and Veazie.

11. Piscataquis County. Piscataquis County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Dover-Foxcroft, Parkman and Sangerville.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Atkinson, Barnard Plt., Bowerbank, Brownville, Katahdin Iron Works, Lake View Plt., Medford Twp., Milo, Orneville, Sebec, Williamsburg, TAR₁₀, TBR₁₀, TBR₁₁, T₁R₉, R₁₀, T₂R₉, R₁₀, T₄R₉ and T₅R₉.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Abbott, Big Squaw, Blanchard Plt., Bowdoin College Grant, East and West, Burbank, Chesuncook, Days Academy Grant, Eagle Lake, East Middlesex Canal Grant, Elliotsville Plt., Frenchtown, Greenville, Guilford, Kineo Twp., Kingsbury Plt., Lily Bay, Little Squaw, Lobster, Monson, Mt. Katahdin, Rainbow, Sandbar Tract, Shirley, Soper Mt. Wellington, Willimantic, TA₂R₁₃, & R₁₄, R₁₁, R₁₂, TXR₁₄, T₄R₉, 5R₉, 7R₉, NWP, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₂, R₁₃, T₃R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₄, R₁₅, T₆R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅, T₇R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅, T₈R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₄, R₁₅, T₉R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅, T₁₀R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ WELS.

12. Sagadahoc County. Sagadahoc County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Perkins Twp., Richmond and Topsham.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the City of Bath, wards, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities or Arrow-
sic, Bath, wards 1 and 2, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich.

13. Somerset County. Somerset County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Fairfield and Skowhegan.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Athens, Bingham, Brighton Pt., Cambridge, Canaan, Cornville, Detroit, Harmony, Hartland, Moscow, Palmyra, Pittsfield, Ripley and St. Albans.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territory of Alder Brook, Anson, Appleton, Attean Pond, Bald Mtn.

T2R3, Bald Mtn. T4R3, Big 6, Big 10, Big W, Bigelow, Blake Gore, Bowtown, Brassua, Caratunk Plt., Carrying Place Town, Chase Stream, Comstock, Concord Twp., Dead River, Dennistown Plt., Dole Brook, East Moxie, Elm Stream, Embden, Flagstaff, Forsyth, Hammond, Highland Plt., Hobbstown, Holeb, Indian Stream, Jackman, King & Bartlett, Lexington, Little W, Long Pond, Lower Enchanted, Madison, Mayfield, Mercer, Misery, Misery Gore, Moose River, Moxie Gore, New Portland, Norridgewock, Parlin Pond, Pierce Pond, Pittston Academy Grant, Pleasant Ridge Plt., Plymouth, Prentiss, Rockwood Strip, Saboomook, Sandwich Academy Grant, Sandy Bay, Sapling, Smithfield, Soldiertown, Solon, Squaretown, Starks, Taunton & Raynham Grant, The Forks Plt., Thorndike, Tomhegan, Upper Enchanted, West Forks Plt., West Middlesex Canal Grant, 10,000 Acre Tract, T3R4, 3R5, 5R6, 5R7, 4R7 BKPWKR, T1R3, T4R5 NBKP, T4R17, T5R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, 6R16, R17, R18, 7R16, R17, R18, R19, T8R16, R17, R18, R19, 9R16, R17, R18 and 10R16 WELS.

14. Waldo County. Waldo County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Belfast, Belmont, Islesboro and Northport.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Frankfort, Jackson, Monroe, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Swanville, Waldo and Winterport.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Brooks, Burnham, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Palermo, Searsmont, Thorndike, Troy and Unity.

15. Washington County. Washington County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Alexander, Baileyville, Baring Twp., Brookton, Calais, Charlotte, Codyville Plt., Cooper, Crawford, Danforth, Dyer, Forest, Forest City, Fowler, Grand Lake Stream Plt., Indian Township Voting District, Indian Twp., Kossuth, Lambert Lake, Meddybemps, No. 21 Plt., Princeton, Robbinston, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vanceboro, Waite, T19, T27 East Division, T42, T43 Middle Division, T5, T6 North Division, T6R1, T8R3, T11R3, T8R4 NBPP.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Cutler, Dennysville, East Machias, Eastport, Edmunds Twp., Lubec, Machiasport, Marion Twp., Marshfield, No. 14 Plt., Pleasant Point Voting District, Pembroke, Perry, Trescott Twp., Whiting, T18 East Division.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Addison, Beals, Beddington, Centerville, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Deblois, Devereaux, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Steuben, Wesley, Whitneyville, T26 East Division, T18, T19, T24, T25, T30, T31, T36, T37 Middle Division.

16. York County. York County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number one consisting of the municipalities of Arundel, Eliot, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kittery, South Berwick, Wells and York.

Commissioner District number 2 consisting of the municipalities of Acton, Alfred, Berwick, Buxton, Cornish, Dayton, Hollis, Lebanon, Limerick, Limington, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Parsonsfield, Sanford, Shapleigh and Waterboro.

Commissioner District number 3 consisting of the municipalities of Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach and Saco.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 105-C, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 105-C, to read as follows:

§ 105-C. Transition

The transition to the district system shall be made in the following manner: In 1970 the Commissioner District having the largest population which, for the next term, would not otherwise be represented on the board of commissioners, shall elect a commissioner. In 1972 the commissioner from the 2nd largest Commissioner District which, for the next term, would not otherwise be represented on the board of commissioners, shall be elected. In 1974 the commissioner from the remaining Commissioner District shall be elected. Thereafter elections shall continue in a manner so that each district shall at all times be represented on the board of commissioners.

Sec. 4. Residents of unorganized territory. Residents of unorganized territory, who are entitled to vote in the State of Maine, shall be allowed to register and vote in the nearest accessible organized municipality within the same county.