

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Amending Certain Provisions of the Charter of the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, section 1 of the following legislation provides that the Town of Old Orchard Beach shall be divided into 5 councilor districts on the first Monday of August in 1969; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide a more equitable representation on the town council of Old Orchard Beach; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1961, c. 153, Art. II, § 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of Article II of chapter 153 of the private and special laws of 1961 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 1. Division of town into districts. The town shall be divided into 5 councilor districts as follows:

On the first Monday of August in 1969 and on the same date at 4-year intervals afterward, the town clerk shall make an examination of the voter register of the town and if the number of registered voters in any one district exceeds the number of registered voters in any other district by 20%, it shall be the duty of the town clerk to notify the council thereof. Within one month after receiving such notification from the clerk, it shall be the mandatory duty of the council to redistrict the town by ordinance. Each district shall consist of contiguous territory, encompassing a portion of the beach front, East West Surf, so called, running perpendicular therefrom to the boundary of the town and contain as nearly as possible a number of registered voters equal to the factor obtained by dividing by 5 the total number of registered voters of the town.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1961, c. 153, Art. III, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of Article III of chapter 153 of the private and special laws of 1961, as amended by section 3 of chapter 156 of the private and special laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 4. Compensation. Each councilman shall be paid \$10 for every council meeting actually attended, but in no case shall they receive more than \$400 in one year. They shall receive no other remuneration in any form, including expenses. The town council shall fix the salaries of all town officials and employees, except those employees coming under the jurisdiction of the school board and the park commission.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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