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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.

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 II, § 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of Article II of chapter 153 of the private and special laws of 1961 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 April in 1970 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 10%, 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 III, § 4, repealed and replaced.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private and special laws of 1961, as amended by section 3 of chapter 156 of the private and special laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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.

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Old Orchard Beach at any municipal election called and held for the purpose or at the next state-wide election. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections no later than December 31, 1970.

The form of the ballot shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall the Act Providing for the Redistricting of Old Orchard Beach, as passed by the 104th Legislature, be accepted?"

Yes ☐

No ☐

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of said vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Old Orchard Beach and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.