

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 472 House of Representatives, February 20, 1973
Referred to Committee on Constitutional State Reapportionment. Joint
Select Committee. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**RESOLVE, to Apportion 151 Representatives among the Several Counties,
Cities, Towns, Plantations and Classes in the State of Maine.**

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

Apportionment of Representatives to the Legislature. Resolved: That for
the 107th Legislature to and including that of the year 1982:

The County of Androscoggin shall choose 14 Representatives to be appor-
tioned as follows:

Lewiston	6
Auburn	4
Lisbon	1
Durham, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland	1
Greene, Webster, Turner and Wales	1
Leeds, Livermore and Livermore Fall	1

The County of Aroostook shall choose 14 Representatives to be appor-
tioned as follows:

Presque Isle	2
Caribou	2
Limestone	1
Houlton	1
Easton, Fort Fairfield and Westfield	1
Macwahoc, Reed Pt., Bancroft, Weston, Orient, Haynesville, Glenwood, Bene- dicta, Amity, Sherman, Cary Pt., Island Falls, Crystal, Hodgdon, Linneus, Oak-	

field, Dyer Brook, Merrill, Moro Pt., Hersey	I
Ludlow, Smyrna, Littleton, Hammond Pt., Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill, E. Pt., New Limerick	I
Chapman, Mapleton, Castle Hill, Washburn, Wade, Perham, Woodland, Masardis, Oxbow	I
Van Buren, Grand Isle, Cyr, Hamlin, Caswell, Connor	I
Madawaska, Frenchville	I
Fort Kent, New Canada, Wallagrass, St. John, St. Francis	I
Eagle Lake, Winterville, Garfield, Nashville, Portage, Ashland, Westmanland, New Sweden, Stockholm, St. Agatha, Allagash	I

The County of Cumberland shall choose 29 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Portland	10
South Portland	4
Westbrook	2
Brunswick	2
Scarborough	1
Falmouth	1
Cape Elizabeth	1
Gorham	1
Windham	1
Bridgton, Sebago, Harrison, Otisfield, Naples	1
Baldwin, Raymond, Casco, Standish	1
Gray, New Gloucester	1
Yarmouth, North Yarmouth	1
Freeport, Pownal	1
Cumberland, Harpswell	1

The County of Franklin shall choose 3 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Avon, Carthage, Dallas, Eustis, Industry, Weld, Kingfield, Madrid, New Vineyard, Phillips, Rangeley, Strong, Coplin Pt., Rangeley Pt., Sandy River Pt.	1
Farmington, Chesterville, New Sharon, Temple	1
Jay, Wilton	1

The County of Hancock shall choose 5 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington, Swan's Island	I
Tremont, Surry, Ellsworth, Trenton, Long Island, Cranberry Isles	I
Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor	I
Bucksport, Orland, Dedham, Penobscot, Verona	I
Otis, Amherst, Aurora, Mariaville, Os- born Pt., Waltham, Eastbrook, Franklin Hancock, Sullivan, Lamoine, Sorrento, Winter Harbor, Gouldsboro, Pt. No. 33	I

The County of Kennebec shall choose 14 Representatives to be apportioned as follows :

Augusta	3
Waterville	3
Winslow	I
Gardiner	I
Albion, Benton, Clinton, China, Unity Pt.	I
Vassalborough, Windsor, Chelsea, Pittston	I
Oakland, Sidney, Belgrade, Rome, Vienna	I
Randolph, Farmingdale, Hallowell	I
West Gardiner, Litchfield, Monmouth, Manchester, Wayne	I
Winthrop, Readfield, Mt. Vernon, Fayette	I

The County of Knox shall choose 4 Representatives to be apportioned as follows :

Rockland	I
Cushing, Friendship, Isle Au Haut, North Haven, Owl's Head, St. George, South Thomaston, Vinalhaven, Matinicus Isle Pt.	I
Camden, Hope, Rockport	I
Appleton, Thomaston, Union, Warren, Washington	I

The County of Lincoln shall choose 3 Representatives to be apportioned as follows :

Jefferson, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, White- field, Monhegan Isle Pt., Somerville Pt.	I
Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, South- port, Westport, Wiscasset	I
Alna, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Newcastle, South Bristol	I

The County of Oxford shall choose 7 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Rumford	I
Mexico, Peru	I
Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Sumner, Woodstock, Milton Twp.	I
Paris, West Paris, Hebron	I
Norway, Oxford	I
Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Porter, Stow, Sweden	I
Andover, Bethel, Byron, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, Roxbury, Stoneham, Upton, Lincoln Plt., Magalloway Plt., Waterford, No. Oxford, So. Oxford	I

The County of Penobscot shall choose 19 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Bangor	5
Orono	2
Brewer	I
Old Town	I
Millinocket	I
Dexter, Garland, Corinth, Exeter	I
Corinna, Newport, Stetson, Plymouth, Dixmont, Newburg	I
Etna, Carmel, Herman, Levant, Glenburn	I
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton	I
Hampden, Veazie	I
Charleston, Bradford, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Lagrange, Alton, Argyle, Milford, Bradley	I
Lincoln, Lee, Winn, Chester, Woodville	I
Mattawamkeag, Kingman, Drew, Webster, Prentiss, Springfield, Carroll, Lakeville, Lowell, Burlington, Howland, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Maxfield, Seboeis, Grand Falls, Greenbush, Greenfield, Edinburg	I
East Millinocket, Medway, Patten, Stacyville, Mount Chase	I

The County of Piscataquis shall choose 3 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Dover-Foxcroft, Sangerville	I
Milo, Atkinson, Sebec, Barnard Plt., Bowerbank, Medford, Brownville, Wilimantic, Lakeview Plt., Elliottsville Plt.	I
Wellington, Kingsbury Plt., Abbot, Mon-	

son, Blanchard Plt., Guilford, Shirley,
Greenville, Parkman I

The County of Sagadahoc shall choose 4 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Bath 2
Topsham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham I
Richmond, Woolwich, West Bath,
Phippsburg, Arrowsic, Georgetown I

The County of Somerset shall choose 6 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Skowhegan I
Madison, Norridgewock, Starks I
Pittsfield, Canaan, Hartland I
Detroit, Palmyra, St. Albans, Ripley,
Cambridge, Harmony, Cornville, Athens,
Bingham, Brighton Plt. I
Solon, Anson, Embden, New Portland,
Moscow, Pleasant Ridge, Highland Plt.,
Caratunk, The Forks, West Forks, Jack-
man, Moose River, Dennistown Plt.,
Unorg. Terr. So. Somerset I
Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield I

The County of Waldo shall choose 4 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Belmont, Freedom, Islesboro, Knox, Lib-
erty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill,
Northport, Palermo, Searsmont I
Frankfort, Prospect, Searsport, Stock-
ton Springs, Winterport I
Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe,
Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity,
Waldo I
Belfast I

The County of Washington shall choose 5 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Deblois, Cherryfield, Steuben, Milbridge,
Harrington, Addison, Beals, Jonesport I
Columbia, Columbia Falls, Centerville,
Jonesboro, Whitneyville, Marshfield,
Machias, Roque Bluffs, East Machias,
Northfield, Machiasport I
Lubec, Eastport, Cutler, Whiting, Pem-
broke I
Perry, Dennysville, Charlotte, Robbins-
ton, Calais, Plt. No. 14, Meddybemps,

Cooper	I
Baring, Alexander, Wesley, Crawford, Baileyville, Princeton, Grand Lake Plt., Vanceboro, Danforth, Waite, Codyville, Plt. No. 21, Talmadge, Beddington	I

The County of York shall choose 17 Representatives to be apportioned as follows:

Biddeford	3
Kittery	I
Saco	2
Sanford	2
York	I
Old Orchard Beach	I
Kennebunk	I
Limington, Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro	I
Berwick, Acton, Lebanon	I
Alfred, Arundel, Kennebunkport, Lyman	I
Eliot, South Berwick	I
North Berwick, Wells	I
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis	I

Sec. 2. Residents of unorganized territory. If all other legal requirements are complied with, residents of unorganized territory not apportioned within a specific area shall be allowed to register and vote in the nearest accessible organized municipality within the same county and, for this purpose, shall be considered classed in the same representative district.

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1963, c. 233, repealed. Chapter 233 of the private and special laws of 1963, as amended, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This proposal is an apportionment and districting plan for the Maine House of Representatives. It is the unanimous report of the House Apportionment Commission, which was created by the 105th Legislature, and is prepared under the formula provided by the Maine Constitution. The plan is based in part upon L. D. 1843 and L. D. 1846 of the 105th Legislature and in part upon the commission's efforts.

A comparison of the 2 L. D.'s showed identical or nearly identical districts in a majority of the counties. Reviewing these, the commission decided no improvement was possible. In the remaining counties, attempts were made to create districts as close to population equality as practicable under the present constitutional formula.

However, the commission felt it was prevented by the Maine Constitution from producing a plan which could meet the equal population standard re-

quired by the Constitution of the United States. Because of the requirements that House seats be apportioned by county and that municipalities cannot be divided, large population disparities resulted. Another resolution recommended by the commission will propose a Maine constitutional amendment to provide a new formula and procedure for apportionment.