

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 48.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

AN ACT to change the place of holding the supreme judicial court in the county of Somerset, and to change the shire town of Somerset county.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The several terms of the supreme judicial court which are now required to be holden at Norridgewock, in and for the county of Somerset, shall, after the first day of March, in the present year, be holden at Skowhegan, in said county ; and all writs, processes of any kind, and all proceedings, shall, after that time, be made returnable accordingly ; and all writs, processes and proceedings commenced prior to that time, and which would otherwise be returnable to the March term of said court, at Norridgewock, shall be entered and have day in said court at Skowhegan.

SECT. 2. Within five years from the passage of this act, the county commissioners of the county of Somerset, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and required to cause a court house to be erected at Skowhegan, suitable for the accommodation of the courts and offices of said county, and to procure a loan of money for that purpose, and assess taxes for the payment of the same in such amounts and at such times, as in their judgment shall be most advantageous to the interests of said county.

SECT. 3. The previous sections of this act shall be void and of no effect, unless the town of Skowhegan or its citizens, shall, on or before the first day of March, in the present year, without expense to said county of Somerset, provide suitable room and other accommodations for said court and officers, to the acceptance of a majority of said county commissioners, and shall execute and deliver to them a good and sufficient lease or other instrument, to secure the use thereof to said county, for the purposes aforesaid during said five years, if the same shall be occupied so long for the purposes specified in this act, and shall also convey or secure the conveyance in like manner of a suitable site for county buildings in said Skowhegan.

SECT. 4. The county commissioners shall, forthwith after rooms for the accommodation of the court and

3 officers as specified in section three of this act, have been
4 provided, cause the records in all the county offices,
5 including the registry of deeds, registry of probate,
7 the records of the county commissioners and the
8 records and files of all the courts which now are or
9 have been held in said county, to the places prepared
10 for them in Skowhegan, which, from that time forward
11 shall be the shire town of said county, and said com-
12 missioners shall cause notice of the fact that suitable
13 rooms have been furnished as provided in section three
14 of this act, and of the removal of the records as afore-
15 said, by publication in all the public newspapers printed
16 in said county, also in the state paper and the Lewis-
17 ton Daily Journal, and to be continued in all the daily
18 and weekly issues of each of said papers for three
19 weeks successively thereafter.

SECT. 5. The inhabitants of Skowhegan are hereby
2 authorized to raise money for the purposes named in
3 this act, by loan or otherwise. Taxes therefore may
4 be assessed at such times, and in such amounts as said
5 town may vote.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 7, 1872.

Read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

AMENDMENTS.

A.

Amend section one, by striking out the words " first
2 day of March " and inserting in lieu thereof the words
3 " first day of November."

Insert in section three, " the first day of November"
2 in lieu of " the first day of March."

B.

The legal voters in said county of Somerset, shall at
2 the annual election of state and county officers, to be
3 held in September, eighteen hundred and seventy-two,
4 within the several towns and plantations, give in their
5 ballots for or against changing the shire town of said
6 county as hereinbefore provided ; and all those voters
7 in favor of changing the shire town as provided in this
8 bill, shall give in their ballots with the word YES
9 written or printed thereon ; and those opposed, with
10 the word NO written or printed thereon ; and the
11 same shall be received, sorted, counted and returned
12 in the same manner as votes for county officers ; and
13 the governor shall immediately after the same shall
14 have been counted, make proclamation of the result,

15 and cause the same to be published in the several
16 papers published in said county of Somerset, three
17 weeks successively after the first publication thereof;
18 and if it shall appear that the majority of such ballots
19 shall have written or printed thereon the word NO,
20 then this act shall be null and void.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1872. }

Ordered printed, on motion of Mr. GRAY of Starks, with
amendments "A" and "B," submitted by that gentleman.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*