

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE

No. 22.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY

AN ACT to incorporate the town of West Rockland.

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

SECTION 1. All that part of the city of Rockland
2 lying westerly of the following described line,
3 namely: Commencing at the town line of Camden,
4 at the northeast corner of ward seven, in said
5 city of Rockland; thence running southwesterly as
6 the line of said ward runs, to the southeast corner
7 of said ward at the line of the town of Thomaston;
8 thence northwesterly by the easterly line of said
9 Thomaston, to the easterly line of the town of
10 Warren; thence northeasterly by the said Warren
11 line to the northwest corner of the city of Rock-
12 land, at the Camden line; thence southeasterly by
13 the east line of said Camden to the place of begin-

14 ning, being the whole of what is now ward seven
15 in said city of Rockland, is hereby incorporated
16 into a separate town by the name of West Rock-
17 land, and the inhabitants thereof are hereby invested
18 with all the powers and privileges, and subject to
19 all the duties and liabilities incident to other towns
20 in this state.

SECT. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of
2 West Rockland, shall be held to pay all taxes which
3 have been legally assessed upon them by the city
4 of Rockland, and the collectors of taxes for said
5 city are hereby authorized and required to collect
6 and pay over all taxes to them already committed,
7 according to their warrants.

SECT. 3. The city of Rockland and the town of
2 West Rockland shall continue to constitute one
3 representative district the same as now, until the
4 next appointment.

SECT. 4. The town of West Rockland shall con-
2 stitute one school district until otherwise establish-
3 ed by said town.

SECT. 5. All persons hereafter becoming charge-
2 able as paupers, shall be chargeable to that city or
3 town on whose territory they last resided, but past
4 residence as a pauper on the city farm is hereby
5 excepted.

SECT. 6. The county commissioners of the county
2 of Knox, for the time being, shall be a board of
3 commissioners to adjudicate upon the division of
4 the property now belonging to said city, and the
5 indebtedness thereof, according to the number of
6 inhabitants and the valuation of said city and the
7 town of West Rockland. Said commissioners shall
8 as soon as practicable after application by either
9 party, give reasonable notice of a time and place
10 of meeting, and shall then examine all said prop-
11 erty, personal, real and mixed, except the books
12 and records and public cemeteries, and appraise
13 the same; they shall also ascertain the indebted-
14 ness of said city, and its liabilities both fixed and
15 contingent, and after hearing the parties they shall
16 determine and award to which party each piece of
17 property shall belong, what proportion of the in-
18 debtedness of said city and of said liabilities now
19 existing shall be paid by the town of West Rock-
20 land, the same to be paid by said town to said city
21 when and as fast as such indebtedness and liabili-
22 ties are paid by said city. And if said award
23 directs that any part of the property, real or per-
24 sonal, now belonging to said city, shall become the
25 property of West Rockland, said award shall be
26 deemed and held to be a sufficient conveyance

27 thereof. And said commissioners shall determine
28 and award in regard to all matters and questions
29 arising by reason of the division of said city not
30 herein specially provided for, and their award shall
31 be returned to the supreme judicial court next to be
32 holden after said hearing in said county of Knox,
33 which shall have power to affirm or recommit said
34 report, as justice may require, and when accepted
35 and affirmed by said court, said report shall be
36 final. They shall make their award in writing and
37 in duplicate, and return one copy to the clerk of
38 said city, and the other to the clerk of said town,
39 and they shall be entered on the records thereof.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved, and any justice of the peace may call the
3 first meeting of the town of West Rockland, by
4 posting a warrant therefor, stating the objects of
5 the meeting, in three public and conspicuous places
6 in said town, at least seven days before the time of
7 holding said meeting.

MINORITY REPORT.

The Minority of the Committee on Towns, to which was referred the Petition of Jonathan Spear and others of the City of Rockland, praying that the territory comprised in the Seventh Ward of said city be set off and incorporated into a separate and new town, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill, which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of West Rockland."

Per Order.

ANDREW R. G. SMITH,

For Minority of Committee.

IN SENATE, February 19, 1880.

Reported by Mr. SMITH from the Committee on Towns, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered printed, together with Bill submitted.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Towns, to which was referred the petition of Jonathan Spear and others, praying that the Seventh Ward of the City of Rockland may be set off and incorporated into a separate town, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Per Order.

H. C. BREWER.

In SENATE, February 19, 1880.

Reported by Mr. BREWER from the Committee on Towns, and on motion of Mr. SMITH laid on the table to be printed.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*