

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 41.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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 within the following described boundaries,
3 namely: commencing at the town line of Camden
4 at the northeast corner of ward seven, in said city
5 of Rockland; thence running southwesterly as the
6 line of said ward runs to the southeast corner of
7 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 War-
10 ren; thence northeasterly by the said Warren line
11 to the northwest corner of the city of Rockland at
12 the Camden line; thence southeasterly by the east

13 line of said Camden to the place of beginning,
14 being the whole of what is now ward seven in said
15 city of Rockland, is hereby incorporated into a
16 separate town by the name of West Rockland,
17 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
3 which have been legally assessed upon them by
4 the city of Rockland, and the collectors of taxes
5 for said city are hereby authorized and required to
6 collect and pay over all taxes to them already
7 committed 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 estab-
3 lished 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 of
10 meeting, and shall then examine all said property,
11 personal, real and mixed, except the books and
12 records, and public cemeteries, and appraise the
13 same; they shall also ascertain the indebtedness of
14 said city, and its liabilities, both fixed and contin-
15 gent; and after hearing the parties they shall de-
16 termine 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 liabil-
22 ities are paid by said city; but the said town of
23 West Rockland shall at any time have the option,

24 as between itself and said city of Rockland; to re-
25 fund at a lower rate of interest, or pay or purchase
26 its portion of said debt or any part thereof; and if
27 at any time, either said town or said city shall be
28 compelled to pay any part of the now existing debt
29 of said city in excess of its proper portion as de-
30 termined under the provisions of this section, it
31 may recover the excess so paid, of the others, in an
32 action of debt. And if said award directs that any
33 part of the property, real or personal, now belong-
34 ing to said city, shall become the property of West
35 Rockland, said award shall be deemed and held to
36 be a sufficient conveyance thereof. And said com-
37 missioners shall determine and award in regard to
38 all matters and questions arising by reason of the
39 division of said city not herein specially provided
40 for, and their award shall be returned to the su-
41 preme judicial court next to be holden after said
42 hearing in said county of Knox, which shall have
43 power to affirm or recommit said report, as justice
44 may require, and when accepted and affirmed by
45 said court, said report shall be final. They shall
46 make their award in writing, and in duplicate, and
47 return one copy to the clerk of said city, and the
48 other to the clerk of said town, and they shall be
49 entered on the records thereof.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall affect the
2 liability of any inhabitant of, or estate situated
3 within said West Rockland for any judgment
4 founded upon any non-existing debt, actual or con-
5 tingent, of said city of Rockland, and in the event
6 of the payment of any such judgment by any in-
7 habitant of, or the satisfaction thereof by any estate
8 situated within the said city of Rockland or said
9 town of West Rockland, such inhabitant or the
10 owner of such estate shall have the same right and
11 remedy to obtain contributions from every other
12 inhabitant of, and estate within both said city of
13 Rockland and said town of West Rockland as now
14 exists by law in favor of any inhabitant or owner
15 in any city or town in case of similar payment or
16 satisfaction against other inhabitants and owners
17 within the same city or town, and all liabilities and
18 rights provided in this section shall continue to
19 exist in relation to the now existing debt of said
20 city of Rockland, if the same or any part thereof
21 shall at any time be legally refunded at any lower
22 rate of interest.

SECT. 8. 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 such meeting.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 8, 1881. }

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Bucksport.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*