

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 131.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to Divide the Towns of Poland and Minot and
Incorporate the Town of Mechanic Falls.

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

SECTION 1. That part of the town of Minot lying
2 westerly of the following described line, viz. : beginning
3 at the mouth of Bog Brook, so called, thence up said
4 brook to Gardner brook, so called, thence up said Gard-
5 ner brook to the Oxford town line, and all that part of
6 the town of Poland lying northerly and easterly of the
7 following described line, to wit, beginning at the point
8 where the Oxford town line crosses Winter Brook, so
9 called, thence up said brook to the outlet of Tripp Pond,
10 so called, thence easterly in a straight line to the forks of
11 the road north of A. D. Garland's dwelling house, thence

12 by the southerly side of the road leading to Mechanic
13 Falls to the Cousens Brook, thence down said brook to
14 the Waterhouse Brook, thence easterly in a straight line
15 to the southerly corner of the Alanson Briggs farm, thence
16 northeasterly by the lot line to Little Androscoggin
17 river, together with the inhabitants thereof, is
18 incorporated into a separate town by the name of
19 Mechanics Falls; and said town of Mechanic Falls is
20 hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, and
21 subject to all the duties and obligations, incident to other
22 towns of the State.

SECT. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of
2 Mechanic Falls shall be holden to pay all taxes which have
3 been legally assessed upon them by the several towns of
4 Poland and Minot, and the several collectors of taxes for
5 said towns of Poland and Minot are hereby authorized
6 and required to collect and pay all taxes to them already
7 committed under their respective warrants. All moneys
8 now in the treasury of each of said towns of Poland and
9 Minot, and all sums which shall hereafter be received
10 from taxes heretofore assessed, shall be applied to the
11 several purposes for which they were raised, and in case
12 of any excess shall be applied by the treasurers of each
13 of said towns to the payment of the indebtedness of their
14 several towns.

SECT. 3. The existing liabilities of the town of Poland
2 shall be divided as follows: the town debt, funded and
3 floating, shall be borne by said town of Poland and said
4 town of Mechanic Falls as follows: the town of
5 Mechanic Falls shall pay to said town of Poland the sum
6 of seven thousand dollars in full as its proportion of the

7 existing liabilities of said town of Poland, and the town
8 of Poland shall pay all the balance and remainder of said
9 existing liabilities.

The existing liabilities of the town of Minot shall be
11 divided as follows: the town debt, funding and floating,
12 shall be borne by said town of Minot and said town of
13 Mechanic Falls as follows: the town of Mechanic Falls
14 shall pay to said town of Minot the sum of \$3,500 in full
15 as its proportion of the existing liabilities of said town of
16 Minot, and the town of Minot shall pay all the balance
17 and remainder of said existing liabilities.

After division all paupers now supported by the aid of
19 the town of Poland shall be maintained and supported by
20 the town in whose territory they reside at the time of the
21 passage of this act. Except that the town of Mechanic
22 Falls shall be held in addition to support all paupers of
23 said town of Poland who resided within the limits of said
24 town of Mechanic Falls at the time they became paupers,
25 and also of all paupers of said town of Poland who re-
26 sided within the limits of said town of Mechanic Falls at
27 the time they last received assistance as paupers from
28 said town of Poland. And except also, that in case
29 either of said towns of Poland and Mechanic Falls is dis-
30 satisfied with such division of said paupers it may at
31 any time within one year after the passage of this act, by
32 its municipal officers, petition to any judge of the Supreme
33 Judicial Court, at a term of said court held in Andros-
34 coggin county, who shall appoint a commission of three
35 (3) disinterested men, who shall make an equitable
36 division of the paupers between said towns and deter-
37 mine what paupers heretofore supported by said town of

38 Poland, off its town farm, shall thereafter be supported
39 by each of said towns, and their determination shall be
40 final and binding upon each of said towns.

The town of Minot shall assume the support of all pau-
42 pers now on its town farm, also of the Mark Goodwin
43 family, now supported off the farm. The town of
44 Mechanic Falls shall assume the support of the George
45 Chandler family and Wilson P. Berry family, also of
46 John Bicknell and Emma Trundy.

Each town shall henceforth bear all expenses for the care
48 and maintenance of all roads and bridges within its
49 respective limits.

SECT. 4. The town house and lot and the town farms
2 of the town of Poland, together with all personal property
3 thereon, shall be held and owned by said town of Poland ;
4 all the other property real and personal of the town of
5 Poland shall be held and owned by the towns of Poland
6 and Mechanic Falls respectively, according to the town
7 where said property is located ; and neither of said towns
8 shall be held to pay the other any compensation therefor.

The town farm in the town of Minot together with all
10 personal property thereon ; one road machine, and the
11 safe now in the office of the treasurer of said town, shall
12 be held and owned by said town of Minot. All the other
13 existing property in the town of Minot shall be held and
14 owned by the town of Mechanic Falls, and neither of said
15 towns shall be held to pay to the other any compensation
16 therefor.

SECT. 5. School District No. 1, in the town of Minot,
2 is hereby authorized at a meeting duly called for the pur-
3 pose, to vote to convey all its school property to the town
4 of Mechanic Falls.

SECT. 6. The records and papers of the towns of Poland
2 and Minot respectively shall be hereafter retained by said
3 towns respectively, but said town of Mechanic Falls shall
4 have access to the same.

SECT. 7. Said town of Mechanic Falls, by its commit-
2 tee for that purpose duly chosen, is hereby authorized to
3 enter into contracts with any duly organized company for
4 furnishing municipal lighting and for the supply of water
5 for domestic, sanitary, municipal, commercial and fire
6 purposes, and for such exemption from public burden as
7 may be agreed upon, and such contract, when made,
8 shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto. And
9 said town is hereby authorized to own, hold, maintain
10 and operate either by purchase or construction, such a
11 system of water works or municipal lighting in its corpor-
12 ate capacity, and may issue its bonds therefor upon such
13 rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding
14 in amount the cost of said works, and secure the same by
15 mortgage on said works.

SECT. 8. Until a new apportionment of the State shall
2 be made that part of the town of Mechanic Falls now in
3 the town of Poland shall remain in the same representa-
4 tive district in which the town of Poland is now classed ;
5 and that part of Mechanic Falls now in the town of Minot
6 shall remain in the same representative district in which
7 the town of Minot is now classed ; and at all State elec-
8 tions, until a new State representative apportionment is
9 made, the inhabitants of that part of Mechanic Falls now
10 in the town of Minot, shall vote in Minot, and the inhab-
11 itants of that part of Mechanic Falls now in the town of
12 Poland, shall vote in Poland. And said inhabitants of

13 Mechanic Falls shall at all such elections have all the
14 rights and privileges, and be subject to all the provisions
15 of law regulating voting at State elections, in the towns
16 of Minot and Poland, respectively, precisely the same as
17 if the town of Mechanic Falls had not been incorporated,
18 and the legal voters of Mechanic Falls shall have place
19 upon the check lists of Minot and Poland respectively,
20 used at State elections, until such new State representa-
21 tive apportionment aforesaid.

SECT. 9. Any justice of the peace in the county of
2 Androscoggin, may issue his warrant to any legal voter of
3 the town of Mechanic Falls, directing him to notify the
4 inhabitants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in
5 said warrant, giving at least seven days' notice therefor,
6 for the choice of town officers, and to transact such busi-
7 ness as towns are authorized to do.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

MAJORITY REPORT.

The majority of the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of E. E. Jordan and others, praying for the creation of the town of Mechanic Falls, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act to divide the towns of Poland and Minot, and incorporate the town of Mechanic Falls," and that the same ought to pass.

OMAR CLARK,
MITCHELL,
JOHNSON,
MERRILL,
BEDLE.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority Committee on Towns, to which was referred the petition of E. E. Jordan and others praying for the creation of the town of Mechanic Falls, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

E. B. MALLET, JR.,
C. EUGENE WESCOTT,
S. S. CAHILL,
THOS. B. HASKELL,

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 8, 1893.

Pending acceptance of either report, laid on table to be printed, on motion by Mr. LIBBY of Androscoggin.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*