

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 105.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT entitled "An Act to call a special meeting of the legal voters in the county of York to vote upon the removal of the county buildings from Alfred to Biddeford or Saco, and providing that all terms of the Supreme Judicial Court be holden in Biddeford or Saco."

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

SECTION. 1. The several terms of the supreme judicial 2 court which are now required to be holden at Alfred and 3 at Saco in and for the county of York, shall after the first 4 day of January, A. D. 1897, be holden at Biddeford or 5 Saco as hereinafter proposed and selected, in said county; 6 and all writs, processes of any kind, and all proceedings 7 shall after that time be made returnable accordingly; and 8 all writs, processes and proceedings commenced prior to

9 that time which would otherwise be returnable to the  
10 January, A. D. 1897, term of said court at said Saco,  
11 shall be entered and have day, and be returned, in said  
12 court at said Biddeford or Saco as hereinafter provided  
13 and selected.

SECT. 2. Before said first day of January, A. D. 1897,  
2 the county commissioners of said county of York, or a  
3 majority of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and  
4 required to cause a court house and a jail suitable for the  
5 purposes and uses of the county to be erected at said Bid-  
6 deford or Saco as hereinafter provided and selected, situa-  
7 ble for the courts and offices and the detention, confinement  
8 and punishment of prisoners arrested and confined in the  
9 county, and to procure a loan of money for that purpose,  
10 and assess taxes for the same in such amounts and at such  
11 times as in their judgment shall be most advantageous to  
12 the interests of said county.

SECT. 3. The county commissioners aforesaid shall  
2 determine and select in which of said cities, Biddeford or  
3 Saco, said buildings shall be erected, all of said courts,  
4 namely, the supreme judicial and county commissioners'  
5 court and all the registries of said county shall be held,  
6 located and established, and in said determination and  
7 selection, said commissioners shall be governed and con-  
8 trolled by the greater amount of financial aid and induce-  
9 ment which shall be offered and made by said cities  
10 respectively.

SECT. 4. The amount to be raised by assessment or  
2 loan to carry out the provisions of this bill shall not exceed  
3 the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

SECT. 5. The county commissioners shall forthwith,  
2 after rooms for the accommodation of the court and offi-

3 cers as specified in section two of this act have been pro-  
4 vided, cause the records in all the county offices, including  
5 the registry of deeds, registry of probate, the records of  
6 the county commissioners and the records and files of all  
7 the courts which now are or have been held in said county,  
8 to be removed to the places prepared for them at said  
9 Biddeford or Saco as herein provided and selected, which  
10 from that time forward shall be the shire town of said  
11 county, and said commissioners shall cause notice of  
12 the fact that suitable rooms have been provided as pro-  
13 vided in section two of this act, and of the removal of the  
14 records aforesaid, by publication in all the public news-  
15 papers printed in said county, also in the State paper, and  
16 to be continued in all the daily and weekly issues of each  
17 of said papers for three weeks successively thereafter.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith  
2 are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. The selectmen of the several towns in said  
2 county of York, and the mayors and aldermen of the cities  
3 of Biddeford and Saco in said county, shall call a meeting  
4 of the legal voters of said several towns and cities, in each  
5 of said several towns and cities, on the second Tuesday of  
6 May, A. D. 1895, said meetings to be notified and called  
7 in the same manner as meetings are called for the election  
8 of state and county officers, to vote upon the adoption or  
9 rejection of sections one, two, three, four and five of this act.

SECT. 8. The secretary of state shall furnish for the  
2 purpose named in section five of this act, ballots in the  
3 same form in which ballots for the election of state and  
4 county officers are printed, upon each of which ballots  
5 shall be printed in one column the word "Yes," and in  
6 another column the word "No," and the balloting, the

7 receiving, sorting and counting of said ballots, and the  
8 return of the same, shall be in the same manner as the same  
9 is done at the meetings for the election of state and county  
10 officers. And the governor and council, at their first  
11 meeting after said ballots have been so cast, counted and  
12 returned, shall canvass said returns in the same manner  
13 that the returns in state and county elections are can-  
14 vassed. If, upon the said canvass of said returns it  
15 appears that a majority of the persons voting have voted  
16 “no,” then the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of  
17 this act shall be void and of no force.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1895.

Presented by Mr. PRESCOTT of York, and on motion by same Senator, laid on table to be printed pending reference to York County Delegation.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*