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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

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No. 226.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT providing for a change of Ward lines in the city of Waterville.

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

SECTION 1. A commission, consisting of three persons, 2 non-residents of said city of Waterville, to be appointed 3 by the governor, is hereby created, whose duty it shall 4 be to examine into the location, size and population of the 5 several wards of said city as they now exist; and if by 6 them deemed expedient, they shall readjust the boundary 7 lines of said wards, having reference in their readjustment, 8 if any such be made, to such a division of said city into 9 wards as its present number of legal voters and their 10 needs may require. Said commission may employ such

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11 assistance as it may require in the performance of the 12 duties herein imposed, and shall appoint a suitable place 13 and time in said city of Waterville to hear all parties Notice of said time and place shall be given 14 interested. 15 by the commission by publication once a week for three 16 successive weeks in some paper published in said city of 17 Waterville, the last publication to be at least one week 18 prior to the time of such hearing. A final report of the 19 doings of said commission shall be made on or before 20 September 1, A. D. 1895, to the chief justice of the 21 supreme judicial court of Maine, and upon his approval, 22 and not otherwise, the doings of said commission shall 23 be valid and binding, and the ward lines of said city, 24 as designated by said commission and approved by 25 said chief justice, shall govern and determine the location 26 of ward lines in all future elections in said city, until 27 further provision of law in the premises. The necessary 28 expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act, together 28 with a reasonable compensation for services performed in 30 connection therewith, shall be paid from the city treasury 31 of the city of Waterville, upon the mayor's warrant, and 32 said city of Waterville is hereby empowered and required 33 to raise money by taxation or otherwise, or appropriate 34 from any unexpended money in its treasury such sums as 35 may be needed for paying said expenses and said com-36 pensations. If the ward residence of any legal voter in 37 said city shall be affected by any proceedings under the 38 provisions of this act, said voter shall be deemed, for the 39 purpose of determining his place of voting in the municipal 40 election of 1896, a resident of such ward as he would have 41 been if the change of wards herein contemplated had been 42 in effect April 1, 1895, and in elections subsequent to the 43 said municipal election of 1896, the voting residence of 44 any legal voter in said city, as to wards, shall be determined 45 as now provided by law.

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

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN SENATE, March 13, 1895.

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Reported by Mr. HOVEY, from Committee of Legal Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.