

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 59.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to divide the Town of Deer Isle, and incorporate
the Town of Stonington.

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

Section 1. All that part of the town of Deer Isle in the
2 county of Hancock and State of Maine, lying southerly of
3 the following described lines, namely: Beginning at the
4 centre of Warren's bridge at Southeast Harbor, thence
5 over the waters of Holt's pond westerly to the head of tide
6 waters in said pond, at the southwesterly corner of lot No.
7 23, as shown on Peters' plan of said Deer Isle, at a granite
8 post marked "L;" thence northerly by lots numbered 23
9 and 26 to the Stephen Babbidge one hundred acre lot;

10 thence by said Babbidge lot and common land southwest-
11 erly to the shore of George's pond; thence by the shore of
12 said pond northwesterly to the southeasterly corner of the
13 Samuel Small one hundred acre lot; thence by said Small's
14 lot northerly seventy rods to the northeast corner of said
15 lot; thence by said lot southwesterly to the head of
16 Crockett's cove; thence by the thread of said cove south-
17 westerly to the waters of Penobscot bay; together with all
18 islands now belonging to the town of Deer Isle, lying south-
19 erly of said line extended westerly over the waters of
20 Penobscot bay, and easterly through the waters of South
21 East Harbor, leaving Bray's Mountain and Stinson's Neck
22 on the north, and Whitmore's Neck on the south, together
23 with the inhabitants thereof, is incorporated into a separate
24 town by the name of Stonington, and said town of Ston-
25 ington is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges
26 and subject to all the duties and obligations incident to
27 other towns of the State.

Sect. 2. All taxes now due shall be paid to the town of
2 Deer Isle. And the several collectors of taxes for said town
3 of Deer Isle are hereby authorized and required to collect
4 and pay all taxes to them already committed according to
5 their respective warrants. All moneys now in the treasury of
6 said town of Deer Isle, and all sums which shall hereafter
7 be received from taxes heretofore assessed, shall be applied
8 to the several purposes for which they were raised, and in
9 case of any excess, said excess shall be applied by the treas-

10 urer of Deer Isle in payment of the indebtedness of said town
11 of Deer Isle; and any excess then remaining shall be divided
12 between the town of Deer Isle and the town of Stonington
13 in proportion to the valuation of their respective territories.

Sect. 3. The existing liabilities and obligations of the
2 town of Deer Isle shall be divided as follows:

The town debt, if any, shall be borne by said towns in pro-
4 portion to the valuation of their respective territories, as
5 taken by the assessors in April, eighteen hundred and ninety-
6 six; and they shall continue to pay the same proportion of
7 the State and county taxes assessed upon the present town
8 of Deer Isle, until a separate valuation shall be made by
9 the State Assessors.

All paupers now supported or aided by the town of Deer
11 Isle, and all persons that may hereafter fall in distress or
12 become paupers, shall, after the approval of this act, be
13 maintained and supported by the town in whose territory
14 they resided when they became paupers; except those now
15 supported in the Insane Asylum, the support of whom shall
16 be borne by the two towns in proportion to their respective
17 valuation.

All expenses for support and maintenance of minors, under
19 the laws of the State, committed to the Industrial and
20 Reform Schools, shall henceforth be borne by the town in
21 whose territory they resided at the time of their arrest or
22 commitment.

Each town shall henceforth bear all expenses for the support of schools and the care and maintenance of all roads and bridges within their respective limits.

Sect. 4. The school-houses and lots, books, apparatus and other school appliances owned by the town of Deer Isle under the law of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, abolishing the school district system, shall, hereafter, belong to the town in whose territory they are located. All other property of the town of Deer Isle, both real and personal, including the town house and lot, road machines, safes and the books and records, shall belong to said town of Deer Isle; and the said town of Deer Isle shall pay to the said town of Stonington the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars on or before the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, in full payment and satisfaction of said Stonington's equitable proportion of same.

Sect. 5. The records and papers of the town of Deer Isle shall hereafter be retained by the town of Deer Isle, and each town shall have access to same.

Sect. 6. Until a new apportionment of the State shall be made, the town of Deer Isle and the town of Stonington shall remain in the same representative district with which the town of Deer Isle is now classed.

Sect. 7. Any justice of the peace in the county of Hancock may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the town of Stonington, directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said warrant,

5 giving at least seven days' notice therefor, for the choice of
6 town officers, and to transact such business as towns are
7 authorized to do.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 9, 1897.

Reported by Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke, from Committee [on Towns,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*