

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 305.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ENABLING ACT for the annexation of Deering to
Portland.

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

Section 1. The chief justice of the supreme judicial court
2 shall, upon application of 50 qualified voters of the city of
3 Portland and 50 qualified voters of the city of Deering,
4 appoint a commission of three disinterested men not resi-
5 dent of either Portland or Deering who shall after hearing,
6 fix upon the terms and conditions of the annexation of the
7 city of Deering to the city of Portland, and shall determine
8 the number of wards and the ward lines within the city of
9 Portland as enlarged by said annexation.

Sect. 2. The said commission shall make its report of the
2 terms and conditions of said annexation to the board of
3 mayor and alderman of the cities of Portland and Deering,
4 whereupon said board of mayor and alderman shall forth-
5 with issue warrants for meetings of the qualified voters of
6 their respective cities to vote upon the question of the annex-
7 ation of said city of Deering to said city of Portland upon the
8 terms and conditions of said report; and this act shall be
9 void unless the inhabitants of the city of Portland, and the
10 inhabitants of the city of Deering, shall, at said meetings,
11 each determine to adopt the same; at said meetings those
12 favoring said annexation shall vote yes and those opposing
13 shall vote no, and thereupon the same proceedings shall be
14 had respecting the sorting, counting, declaring and
15 recording the returns of said votes as is provided for the
16 election of mayors; and the boards of mayor and aldermen
17 of said cities shall within three days thereafter meet and com-
18 pare the returns of the ward officers and if it appears that a
19 majority of all the votes given in on said annexation in each
20 city is in favor thereof, the mayors of said cities shall forth-
21 with make proclamation of the fact and thereupon this act
22 shall take effect, and the city of Deering shall thereafter-
23 wards be annexed and become a part of the city of Portland
24 upon the terms and conditions of the report of said commis-
25 sioners.

Sect. 3. If at said meeting this act is not accepted in
2 accordance with the provisions of section 2, a second
3 meeting of the qualified voters of said cities shall, upon

4 application of 50 inhabitants of said cities of Portland and
5 Deering to their respective boards of mayor and aldermen,
6 be held, for the purpose of voting upon said annexation at
7 any time prior to January 1, 1899, said meetings to be
8 warned and held and the result thereof determined in the
9 same manner as provided in section 2 of this act. And if
10 the qualified voters aforesaid shall at the meetings provided
11 for in this section vote in favor of said annexation said city
12 of Deering shall be annexed and become a part of said city
13 of Portland as provided for in section 2 hereof.

Sect. 4. In case of a vote in favor of said annexation by
2 the qualified voters as herein provided, the then existing
3 city governments of said cities of Portland and Deering,
4 shall continue, with the same powers and authorities as they
5 may then have under their respective city charters and the
6 terms of all city officers of said cities of Portland and Deer-
7 ing, shall not expire, until the next regular municipal elec-
8 tion under the then charter of said city of Portland.

Sect. 5. In case of the adoption of this act as herein pro-
2 vided the ward lines of the city of Portland, as enlarged by
3 the annexation of said city of Deering, shall thereafter be as
4 determined by said commission and at the first and regular
5 municipal election under the then charter of said city of
6 Portland thereafter, there shall be elected like ward officers
7 and members of the city council from each ward, as may
8 then be provided for in said charter of said city of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 12, 1897.

Tabled pending first reading, by Mr. MOORE of Deering, and ordered
printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*