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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 333.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to establish Wards and Ward Lines in the City of  
Augusta.

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

Section 1. Section 16 of chapter 224 of the private and  
2 special laws of 1849, as amended, is hereby further amended  
3 so as to read as follows: 'For the purpose of holding elec-  
4 tions, said city shall be divided into nine wards, to contain  
5 as near as conveniently may be, an equal number of voters;  
6 and it shall be the duty of the city council once in ten years,  
7 and not oftener than five years, to review, and if it be needful  
8 to alter said wards, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as  
9 may be, an equal number of inhabitants in each. Said wards  
10 are hereby established according to the following bounda-  
11 ries:

## WARD ONE.

Beginning at the Hallowell line in the middle of the old  
14 Hallowell road; thence northerly in the middle of said Hal-  
15 lowell road and of State street to the middle of Green street;  
16 thence westerly in the middle of Green street to the middle  
17 of Cushman street; thence southerly in the middle of Cush-  
18 man street across Western avenue to the middle of Florence  
19 street; thence in the middle of Florence street to its ter-  
20 minus; and thence in a southerly direction on a line with the  
21 middle line of said Florence street to Hallowell line; thence  
22 easterly by Hallowell line to the middle of the old Hallowell  
23 road, the first mentioned bound.

## WARD TWO.

Beginning at the Hallowell line in the middle of the old  
26 Hallowell road; thence northerly in the middle of said Hal-  
27 lowell road and of State street to the middle of Green street;  
28 thence easterly in the middle of Green street to a point oppo-  
29 site the middle line of Water street; thence in a direct line  
30 to the northwest corner of lot No. 1 on a plan of house-lots  
31 made by James L. Child in 1835 and on file in Kennebec  
32 registry of deeds; thence easterly on the north line of said  
33 lot to Kennebec river; thence southerly by the Kennebec  
34 river to the Hallowell line; thence westerly by said Hallo-  
35 well line to the middle of the old Hallowell road, the first  
36 mentioned bound.

## WARD THREE.

Beginning at Kennebec river at the northeast corner of  
39 lot No. 1 on a plan of house-lots made by James L. Child in  
40 1835 and on file in Kennebec registry of deeds; thence west-

41 erly on the north line of said lot to the northwest corner  
42 thereof; thence in a direct line to a point opposite the mid-  
43 dle line of Water street; thence westerly in the middle of  
44 Green street to the middle of Cushman street; thence south-  
45 erly in the middle of Cushman street across Western avenue  
46 to the middle of Florence street; thence in the middle of  
47 Florence street to its terminus, and thence in a southerly  
48 direction on a line with the middle line of said Florence  
49 street to Hallowell line; thence westerly by Hallowell line  
50 to Manchester line; thence northerly by Manchester line to  
51 the middle of the Winthrop road so called; thence easterly in  
52 the middle of said Winthrop road and of Winthrop hill, so  
53 called, and of Winthrop street to the old town landing north  
54 of the post office; thence southerly by Kennebec river to the  
55 northeast corner of said lot No. 1, the first mentioned bound.

#### WARD FOUR.

Beginning at the old town landing north of the post office;  
58 thence westerly in the middle line of Winthrop street  
59 extended and of Winthrop street, to Manchester line; thence  
60 northerly by Manchester line to Bond brook; thence easterly  
61 by Bond brook to the middle of Mount Vernon avenue;  
62 thence southerly in the middle of Mount Vernon avenue and  
63 of State street to the middle of Laurel street; thence east-  
64 erly in the middle of Laurel street to Water street and thence  
65 across Water street to the southwest corner of the corpora-  
66 tion boarding house, so called; thence easterly in the south  
67 line of said boarding house continued easterly to Kennebec  
68 river; thence southerly by Kennebec river to the old town  
69 landing, the first mentioned bound.

## WARD FIVE.

Beginning at Kennebec river at the north line of front lot  
 72 No. 12 (Bridge farm); thence westerly in said north line  
 73 of lot No. 12 extended to the center of Bond brook; thence  
 74 southeasterly in the center of Bond brook to the middle of  
 75 Mount Vernon avenue; thence southerly in the middle of  
 76 Mount Vernon avenue and of State street to the middle line  
 77 of Laurel street; thence easterly in the middle of Laurel  
 78 street to Water street; thence across Water street to the  
 79 southwest corner of the corporation boarding house, so  
 80 called; thence in the south line of said boarding house  
 81 extended easterly to the Kennebec river; thence northerly  
 82 by said river to the bound begun at.

## WARD SIX.

Embraces all the territory between the Kennebec river and  
 85 the Manchester line, and the Sidney line and the following  
 86 line, to wit: Beginning in the north line of front lot No.  
 87 12; thence westerly along said north line extended, to Bond  
 88 brook; thence northwesterly in the center of Bond brook  
 89 to the Manchester line.

Wards 7, 8 and 9 are on the east side of Kennebec river  
 91 and described as follows:

## WARD SEVEN.

Embraces all the territory between Chelsea line and a line  
 94 running from the east end of Kennebec bridge easterly along  
 95 the middle line of Cony street and of the Belfast road over  
 96 Malta Hill to its intersection with the east line of the city.

## WARD EIGHT.

Embraces all the territory between Ward 7 and a line  
99 beginning at the northern extremity of the lock of the Ken-  
100 nebec dam; thence running easterly in the middle line of  
101 Lock street extended and of Lock street to Bangor street;  
102 thence across Bangor street to the middle line of the north  
103 Belfast road; thence easterly in the middle line of said  
104 north Belfast road to the eastern line of the third range of  
105 lots; thence running on the east line of said range of lots  
106 northerly to the Vassalboro line.

## WARD NINE.

Embraces all the territory between Ward 8 and the Vassal-  
109 boro line.

In each of said wards there shall annually, on the second  
111 Monday of March, be chosen by ballot a warden and clerk,  
112 who shall enter on the duties of their respective offices  
113 on the Monday next following their election, and hold their  
114 offices for one year therefrom, and until others shall have  
115 been chosen and qualified in their places. Said warden and  
116 clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their  
117 respective duties by any justice of the peace of said city;  
118 and a certificate of such oaths having been administered  
119 shall be entered by the clerk on the records of the ward.  
120 The wardens shall preside at all ward meetings, with the  
121 power of moderators of town meetings, and if at any meet-  
122 ing the warden should not be present the clerk of such ward  
123 shall call the meeting to order and preside until a warden  
124 pro tempore shall be chosen. If neither of them should be  
125 present, any legal voter in the ward may preside until a  
126 clerk pro tempore shall be elected. In case no justice of

127 the peace shall be present, the person presiding may admin-  
128 ister the oath to the warden and clerk. The clerk shall  
129 record all the proceedings and certify the votes given, and  
130 deliver over to his successor in office all such records and  
131 journals, together with all other documents and papers held  
132 by him in said capacity. The inhabitants of each ward  
133 may choose two persons to assist the warden in receiving,  
134 sorting and counting the votes. The list of the names of  
135 the legal voters in each ward shall be prepared as provided  
136 by the laws of this State; and all regular ward meetings  
137 shall be notified and called by the mayor and aldermen, in  
138 the manner prescribed by the laws of this State for notify-  
139 ing and calling town meetings by the selectmen of the sev-  
140 eral towns, excepting that ward meetings for the election  
141 of mayor, after the second trial, may be called within the  
142 time provided in such cases in this act.

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said chapter 224, as amended, is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out the word "seven" and insert-  
3 ing instead thereof the word 'nine' and striking out the word  
4 "fourteen" and inserting instead thereof the word 'eighteen,'  
5 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential  
7 and municipal affairs of said city, with the government  
8 thereof, shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be  
9 styled the mayor; and one council of nine to be denominated  
10 the board of aldermen; and one council of eighteen, to be  
11 denominated the common council, all of whom shall be  
12 inhabitants of said city; which boards shall constitute and  
13 be called the city council; all of whom shall be sworn to the  
14 faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices;  
15 provided, the city council shall not vote, assess or appro-

16 priate any money for any object or purpose for which the  
17 town of Augusta is not authorized to vote, assess and appro-  
18 priate money, except for such purposes as are authorized by  
19 this act. And provided, further, that neither the city coun-  
20 cil, nor any agent or officer of the city, shall borrow or  
21 hire any money for or on account of the city or inhabitants  
22 thereof, except for the purposes for which the town of  
23 Augusta is now by law authorized to raise money; and all  
24 notes, bonds, obligations, scrip or orders given by the city  
25 council or any officer or agent thereof for money or property  
26 obtained for any other purposes, shall be void.'

Sect. 3. This act shall not be binding upon said city until  
2 accepted by a majority vote of such of the legal voters  
3 thereof as shall vote at the election as herein provided. It  
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city of  
5 Augusta for their acceptance at an election to be specially  
6 called and held for the purpose within sixty days after the  
7 approval of this act. Such election shall be called, adver-  
8 tised, and conducted according to the law relating to muni-  
9 cipal elections. The city clerk shall cause to be printed on  
10 the ballots used at such election the question: "Shall the  
11 wards of the city of Augusta be numbered and bounded  
12 according to the provisions of 'An Act to establish Wards  
13 and Ward Lines in the City of Augusta,' as follows," and  
14 shall insert after said question the ward boundaries herein  
15 given, so that the voter may indicate his opinion upon said  
16 question by a cross against the words "Yes" or "No."

Sect. 4. In case the provisions of this act are accepted  
2 as provided in section 3, it shall be the duty of the board  
3 of registration of the city of Augusta when next making up  
4 the preliminary lists of voters as required by law, to make



5 up new lists for each of the wards established by this act,  
6 placing upon said new lists the names of the voters who,  
7 according to the check lists as at present made up, appear to  
8 be residents of the wards hereby created. In all future reg-  
9 istrations of voters in said city, in case the provisions of this  
10 act are accepted as aforesaid, their ward residence shall be  
11 determined according to the ward limits herein established.

Sect. 5. In case the provisions of this act are accepted  
2 as provided in section 3, the municipal officers of the city  
3 of Augusta shall, between the first and the twelfth days of  
4 February, 1898, in accordance with the existing provisions  
5 of law, appoint two election and two ballot clerks for each of  
6 the wards hereby created. Said clerks, being first duly  
7 sworn, shall enter upon the performance of their duties at  
8 the municipal election in said city in March, 1898. They  
9 shall hold office until May, 1898, and until their successors  
10 are chosen and qualified. When said clerks have been  
11 appointed and qualified, the terms of office of all such clerks  
12 then in office shall thereupon cease.

Sect. 6. In case the provisions of this act are accepted  
2 as provided in section 3, the city council of the city of  
3 Augusta shall, between the first and twelfth days of Febru-  
4 ary, 1898, elect, in joint convention, a warden and a ward  
5 clerk for each of the wards hereby created. Said wardens  
6 and ward clerks, being first duly sworn, shall serve at the  
7 municipal election in said city in March, 1898. When said  
8 wardens and ward clerks have been elected and qualified,  
9 the terms of office of all wardens and ward clerks then in  
10 office shall thereupon cease.

Sect. 7. This act shall not be construed to affect in any  
2 way the tenure of office of any alderman, councilman or

3 other officer of the city of Augusta, elected or appointed  
4 prior to the municipal election of March, 1898, in said city,  
5 except as provided in sections 5 and 6.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts, all provisions of the  
2 charter of the city of Augusta, and all orders and ordinances  
3 of said city inconsistent herewith are repealed and declared  
4 inoperative and of no effect, but this repeal shall not take  
5 effect, except as to the sections specified in section 9 hereof,  
6 until February 12, 1898, and then only in case this act shall  
7 have been accepted as provided in the third section hereof.

Sect. 9. This act, except as to sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,  
2 shall take effect February 12, 1898, and as to said sections  
3 it shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 19, 1897.

Tabled, pending reference to Committee, and ordered printed by Mr.  
MACOMBER of Augusta.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*