

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 70

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to divide the town of Tremont and incorporate the
town of Southwest Harbor.

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

Section 1. All that portion of the town of Tremont lying
2 easterly of the following described line, to wit: Beginning
3 at a bolt in a blue rock on the shore at the head of Ship
4 harbor, so called, and situate on the southern side of Mount
5 Desert Island, thence running north eleven degrees west to
6 the center of the bridge on the highway between Southwest
7 Harbor and Bass Harbor, "known as Adam's bridge," thence
8 following the center of the southerly creek of Bass Harbor
9 marsh, so called, in a northerly direction to the center of the
10 main creek of said Bass Harbor marsh, thence following the
11 center of the main creek northerly to the head of the said
12 main creek to "the junction of the two brooks," marked by

13 stakes and stones, thence running from said stake and stones
14 north eleven degrees west over the western peak of the west-
15 ern mountain, so called, to an intersection of the town line
16 between the towns of Mount Desert and Tremont; together
17 with all islands now belonging to the town of Tremont lying
18 east of a production of said line southerly across the waters
19 of the Atlantic ocean; together with all the inhabitants
20 thereof, is incorporated into a separate town by the name of
21 Southwest Harbor, and said town of Southwest Harbor is
22 hereby invested with all the powers and privileges and sub-
23 ject to all the duties and obligation incident to other towns
24 of the State.

Sect. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of Southwest
2 Harbor shall be holden to pay all taxes which have been
3 legally assessed upon them by the town of Tremont, and the
4 collectors of taxes for said town of Tremont are hereby
5 authorized and required to collect and pay all taxes all ready
6 to them committed according to their respective warrants.
7 All moneys now in the treasury of the said town of Tre-
8 mont and all sums which shall hereafter be received from
9 taxes heretofore assessed, shall be applied to the several
10 purposes for which they were raised and in case of any excess
11 said excess shall be applied to the treasury of the town of
12 Tremont to pay the indebtedness of said Tremont.

Sect. 3. The existing liabilities and obligations of the town
2 of Tremont shall be divided as follows: The town debt, if
3 any, and the State and county tax to be assessed against the
4 town of Tremont for 1905 and 1906, shall be borne by said
5 towns in proportion to the valuation of their respective terri-
6 tories as taken by the assessors in April, 1904. The contract
7 now existing between the town of Tremont and the South-
8 west Harbor Water Company shall, after the approval of
9 this act, be assumed and borne by the town of Southwest
10 Harbor. All paupers now supported and aided by the town

11 of Tremont and all persons that may hereafter fall in dis-
12 tress or become paupers, shall, after the approval of this act,
13 be maintained and supported by the town in whose territory
14 they resided when they became paupers and in whose terri-
15 tory their settlements may be established under the laws of
16 this State, when falling in distress or becoming paupers,
17 except such persons as are at this time supported and main-
18 tained by the town of Tremont in the insane asylums of the
19 State, and except the following named paupers at this time
20 supported by the town of Tremont, namely: E. A. C.
21 Robinson, Fred Gott, Roscoe Gott, Bertha Rich and Nora
22 Dawes, the support of whom shall be borne by said towns in
23 proportion to their respective valuations. Each town shall
24 henceforth bear all expenses of the care and maintenance of
25 all schools, roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Sect. 4. All real property now belonging to the town of
2 Tremont, including all schoolhouses and lots acquired by said
3 town of Tremont under the law of 1893, abolishing the
4 school district system shall be held and owned by the towns
5 of Tremont and Southwest Harbor respectively, by said
6 town within whose territory said property is located. All
7 personal property pertaining to schools now owned by the
8 town of Tremont, shall be held and owned by the two said
9 towns, by that town now in possession thereof. The fire
10 hose, hose cart, and safe, owned by the town of Tremont,
11 shall be held and owned by the town of Southwest Harbor,
12 and said town of Southwest Harbor shall pay to said town
13 of Tremont the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars on or
14 before the fifteenth day of August in the year 1905, in full
15 payment and satisfaction of said Tremont's equitable interest
16 in said fire hose, hose cart and safe. All other personal
17 property now belonging to the town of Tremont, including
18 all books, papers and records, shall be retained by said town
19 of Tremont, and both of said towns shall hereafter have free

20 access to said books, papers and records. Neither of said
21 towns shall pay the other for this apportionment of the real
22 and personal property of the town of Tremont, any com-
23 pensation except as herein stipulated.

Sect. 5. Until a new apportionment of the State shall be
2 made the town of Tremont and the town of Southwest Har-
3 bor shall remain in the same representative district with
4 which the town of Tremont is now classed.

Sect. 6. Any justice of the peace in the county of Hancock
2 may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the town of
3 Southwest Harbor directing him to notify the citizens thereof
4 to meet at a time and place specified in said warrant, giving
5 at least seven days notice therefor, for the choice of town
6 officers and to transact any other business as towns are
7 authorized to do.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 7, 1905.

Reported by Mr. HILL, from Committee on Towns and ordered printed
under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*