

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 449

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to submit to the legal voters of York County the question as to whether the shire town shall be changed, and if so to establish the shire town at Saco, Kennebunk or Sanford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The selectmen of the several towns and the 2 mayors and aldermen of the cities of Biddeford and Saco 3 in the County of York, shall, at the next regular election 4 held on the second Monday of September, nineteen hundred 5 ten, submit to the voters of said county of York the four 6 following questions, to wit:

1. Shall the shire town of York County be changed?

2. If it is to be changed, shall Saco be the shire town?

3. If it is to be changed, shall Kennebunk be the shire
10 town?

4. If it is to be changed, shall Sanford be the shire town?

Section 2. The Secretary of State shall furnish for the
2 purpose named in section one of this act, ballots upon each
3 of which shall be printed:

“No. 1. Shall the shire town of York County be changed?”

“Yes”

“No”

“No. 2. If it is to be changed, shall Saco be the shire
7 town?”

“Yes”

“No”

“No. 3. If it is to be changed, shall Kennebunk be the
10 shire town?”

“Yes”

“No”

“No. 4. If it is to be changed, shall Sanford be the shire
13 town?”

“Yes”

“No”

Said ballots shall be prepared and printed in the same man-
16 ner as is provided for use in the election of State and county
17 officers, and the balloting, receiving, sorting and counting
18 of said ballots, and the return of the same, shall be in the
19 same manner as the same is done at the meetings for the
20 election of State and county officers.

The Governor and Council at their first meeting, after said
22 ballots have been so cast, counted and returned, shall can-

23 vass said returns in the same manner as they canvass the re-
24 turns for the election of State and county officers, and shall
25 within ten days after such canvass shall have been com-
26 pleted, certify to the county commissioners of said York
27 County the result of said votes.

Sect. 3. If it appears by said certificate that a majority
2 of the persons voting upon question No. 1 have answered
3 “No” thereto, then Alfred shall remain the shire town, and
4 no further action shall be taken under this act; but if it ap-
5 pears that a majority of the persons voting upon question
6 No. 1 have answered “Yes” thereto, and if it also appears
7 that a majority of the persons voting upon questions No. 1,
8 2, 3 and 4 have voted “Yes” in answer to either of ques-
9 tions No. 2, 3 or 4, then the city or town designated by
10 said question No. 2, 3 or 4, receiving such majority vote
11 shall become and be the shire town or said county from and
12 after the first day of January, A. D. 1912.

Sect. 4. Before said first day of January, A. D. 1912, the
2 county commissioners of said county of York, or a majority
3 of them, are authorized, empowered, directed and required
4 to purchase a lot and cause to be erected at said Saco, or Ken-
5 nebunk, or Sanford, as aforesaid provided and selected,
6 buildings suitable for a court house, county offices and a jail
7 for the use of said county, and to procure a loan of money
8 for the purpose and assess taxes for the same in such

9 amounts and at such times as in their judgment shall be
10 most advantageous to the interests of said county.

Sect. 5. The amount to be raised by the county commis-
2 sioners by assessment or loan to carry out the provisions of
3 this act shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty
4 thousand dollars.

Sect. 6. The county commissioners shall forthwith, after
2 said buildings as are specified in section four of this act have
3 been provided, cause the records in all the county offices,
4 including the registry of deeds, registry of probate, the rec-
5 ords of the county commissioners, and the records and files
6 of the courts which now are or have been held in said
7 county, to be removed to the place prepared for them at said
8 Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein provided and
9 selected, and said commissioners shall cause notice of the
10 fact that suitable buildings have been provided, as provided
11 in section four of this act, and of the removal of the records
12 aforesaid by publication in all the public newspapers printed
13 in said county, also in the State paper, and to be continued in
14 all the daily and weekly issues of each of said papers for
15 three weeks successively thereafter.

Sect. 7. The several terms of the Supreme Judicial Court
2 which are now required to be holden at Alfred and at Saco
3 for the county of York, shall after the first day of January,
4 A. D. 1912, be holden at Saco, or Kennebunk, or Sanford,
5 as herein provided and selected in said county, and all writs,

6 processes of any kind, and all proceedings commenced prior
7 to that date and returnable to the January, 1912, term of
8 said court shall be made returnable to the January, A. D.
9 1912, term of said court at Saco, Kennebunk, or Sanford,
10 and be entered and have day and be returned in said court
11 at Saco, or Kennebunk, or Sanford, as herein provided and
12 selected.

Sect. 8. All the provisions of this act shall be void and
2 of no effect unless the city or town determined as aforesaid
3 to become the shire town of said county, or the citizens of
4 such city or town shall raise before the first day of Jan-
5 uary, A. D. 1911, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and
6 appropriate and pay the same to the treasurer of said county
7 to be used in defraying the expense of erecting said new
8 county buildings.

Sect. 9. Said city of Saco, or town of Kennebunk, or town
2 of Sanford so designated as above provided as the shire town
3 of said county, is hereby authorized and empowered to raise
4 by loan or otherwise such sum of fifty thousand dollars to
5 comply with the preceding section, and to issue its notes,
6 bonds or script therefor duly executed by its proper officers
7 payable at such times and in such amounts, and with such
8 rate of interest as it may determine. Taxes therefor may
9 be assessed at such times and in such amounts as such city
10 or town may determine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*