

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 13

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 call a meeting of the legal
4 voters of the said several towns and cities on the second
5 Tuesday of August, A. D. 1909, said meeting shall be
6 notified and called in the same manner as meetings are
7 notified and called for the election of county and State
8 officers, to vote upon the following four questions, to wit:

- 9 1. Shall the shire town of York County be changed?
 10 2. If it is to be changed, shall Saco be the shire town?
 11 3. If it is to be changed, shall Kennebunk be the shire
 12 town?
 13 4. If it is to be changed, shall Sanford be the shire
 14 town?

Sect. 2. The Secretary of State shall furnish for the
 2 purpose named in section 1 of this act, ballots upon each
 3 of which shall be printed:

4 "No. 1. Shall the shire town of York County be
 5 changed?"

6 "Yes." "No."

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

9 "Yes." "No."

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

12 "Yes." "No."

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

15 "Yes." "No."

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

The Governor and Council at their first meeting, after said
23 ballots have been so cast, counted and returned, shall can-
24 vass said returns in the same manner as they canvass the
25 returns for the election of State and county officers, and
26 shall within ten days after such canvass shall have been
27 completed, certify to the county commissioners of said
28 York 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,
4 and no further action shall be taken under this act; but if
5 it appears that a majority of the persons voting upon ques-
6 tion No. 1 have answered "Yes" thereto, and if it also
7 appears that more persons have voted "Yes" in answer to
8 question No. 2 than in answer to question No. 3 or ques-
9 tion No. 4, then Saco shall become and be the shire town of
10 said county from and after the first day of January, A. D.
11 1911; but if it appears from said certificate that more per-
12 sons have voted "Yes" in answer to question No. 3 than in
13 answer to question No. 2 or question No. 4, then Kenne-
14 bunk shall become and be the shire town of said county
15 from and after the first day of January, A. D. 1911; but
16 if it appears from said certificate that more persons have
17 voted "Yes" in answer to question No. 4 than in answer
18 to question No. 2 or question No. 3, then Sanford shall
19 become and be the shire town of said county from and
20 after the first day of January, A. D. 1911.

Sect. 4. Before said first day of January, A. D. 1911, 2 the county commissioners of said county of York, or a 3 majority of them, are authorized, empowered, directed and 4 required to purchase a lot and cause to be erected at said 5 Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as aforesaid provided and 6 selected, buildings suitable for a court house, county offices 7 and a jail for the use of said county, and to procure a loan 8 of money for the purpose and assess taxes for the same in 9 such amounts and at such times as in their judgment shall 10 be 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 3 of this bill shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand 4 dollars.

Sect. 6. The county commissioners shall forthwith, after 2 said buildings as are specified in section 4 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 5 records of the county commissioners, and the records and 6 files of all the courts which now are or have been held 7 in said county, to be removed to the place prepared for 8 them at said Saco or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein 9 provided and selected, and said commissioners shall cause 10 notice of the fact that suitable buildings have been pro- 11 vided, as provided in section 4 of this act, and of the 12 removal of the records aforesaid by publication in all the 13 public newspapers printed in said county, also in the State

14 paper, and to be continued in all the daily and weekly issues
15 of each of said papers for three weeks successively there-
16 after.

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. 1911, be holden at Saco or Kennebunk or Sanford, as
5 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, 1911, term of
8 said court shall be made returnable to the January, A. D.
9 1911, term of said court at Saco, Kennebunk or Sanford,
10 and be entered and have day and be returned in said court
11 at said Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein provided
12 and selected.

Sect. 8. All the provisions of this act shall be void and
2 of no effect unless the city or town determined as afore-
3 said to become the shire town of said county, or the citi-
4 zens of such city or town shall raise before the first day
5 of January, A. D. 1910, a sum of money equivalent to the
6 fair value of the present county buildings at Alfred, and
7 appropriate and pay the same to the treasurer of said
8 county to be used in defraying the expense of erecting said
9 new county buildings, and as reimbursement to said county
10 for the value of the present county buildings.

Sect. 9. The fair value of the present county buildings
2 is to be ascertained for the purposes of this act by the

3 county commissioners of said county sitting as a court, in
4 the same manner and subject to the same statutes as they
5 now determine damages occasioned by the location of high-
6 ways.

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

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

January 14, 1909.

Presented by **MR. HAMILTON** of York and on motion by **Mr. SMITH** of York, laid on table to be printed pending reference to a Committee.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*