

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 543

House of Representatives, March 10, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Wilkins from Committee on Towns and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to change the eastern boundary of the town of Anson.

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

Section 1. All the land between the eastern boundary of
2 the town of Anson, which is now the west side of the Ken-
3 nebec river, and the western boundary of the town of Madi-
4 son, which is the channel of said river, is hereby annexed
5 to and made part of the town of Anson; so that said Anson
6 shall be bounded in the vicinity of Kennebec river, north by
7 the town of Embden, east by the town of Madison, and south
8 by the town of Starks.

IN RE ACT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARY OF THE
TOWN OF ANSON—STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The towns of Anson and Madison are opposite each other, Anson on the west side of Kennebec River and Madison on the east. By the act of incorporation of Anson its eastern boundary is the west side of Kennebec River. By the act of incorporation of Madison its western boundary is the channel of Kennebec River. This leaves a strip of land the length of Anson between the west side and the channel of Kennebec River which is not in any town. Islands and other real estate with the dams and improvements thereon cannot be taxed in either town, about fifteen or twenty thousand dollars in value, all of which should be taxed in the town of Anson for state, county and town purposes. This is the only exception to the rule that when Kennebec River lies between towns it is always the channel or middle of the river that is the boundary. It should be so in this case. The boundary of Madison is the channel of Kennebec River and this act proposes to make the same channel the boundary of Anson, leaving Madison as it now is and giving Anson what is its by right, all the land between the west side and the channel of the river, enabling her to tax a large amount of property which now escapes taxation.

(COPIES OF ACTS OF INCORPORATION.)

ANSON.—Beginning at the point where the north line of the Plymouth Company's land shall touch the west bank of Kennebec River; thence running west and bounded by said line, six miles to a rock maple tree marked O and T 1, and T 2, for the southwest corner of Township No. One and the southeast corner of Township No. Two; thence north, six miles and a quarter to a rock maple tree marked in like manner, for the northwest corner of Township No. One and the northeast corner of Township No. 2; thence east, eight miles and sixty rods to Kennebec River, to a hemlock tree marked for the northeast corner of Township No. One; thence southerly by the west side of Kennebec River, to the bounds first mentioned.

Passed March 1, 1798. Mass. Special Laws, Vol. 2, page 209.

MADISON.—Beginning at the northwest corner of Cornville; thence running west about five miles and a half to Kennebec River; thence down said river by the channel thereof to the northwest corner of Norridgewock; thence east on the north line of Norridgewock and Canaan, so far as to intersect a line running south from the southwest corner of Cornville; thence north to the southwest corner of Cornville, and continue north on the west line of Cornville to the first mentioned bounds.

Passed March 7, 1804. Mass. Special Laws, Vol. 3, page 391.