

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 243

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1917.

*Referred to Committee on Towns and one thousand copies
ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ellis of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to divide the town of Wells, and Incorporate the
town of Ogunquit.

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

Section 1. All that part of the Town of Wells, in the
2 County of York embraced within the limits described as
3 follows: Beginning at the Southerly point of the boundary
4 line between the Towns of York and Wells at the Atlantic
5 Ocean and extending Northwesterly along said boundary
6 line to the South branch of the Ogunquit river; thence by
7 the Ogunquit river to the intersection of Steven's brook

8 and said Ogunquit river; thence South fifty-five degrees
9 East course to the Atlantic Ocean; thence by the Atlantic
10 Ocean to the boundary line between the towns of York and
11 Wells and point begun at, together with the inhabitants
12 thereof, is hereby set off from the town of Wells and in-
13 corporated into a separate town by the name of Ogunquit,
14 and said town of Ogunquit is hereby invested with all the
15 powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and
16 obligations incident to other towns of the State.

Sect. 2. The inhabitants of the town of Ogunquit shall
2 be holden to pay all taxes which have been legally assessed
3 upon them by the town of Wells, and the collectors of
4 taxes for said town of Wells are hereby authorized and
5 required to collect and pay all taxes to them already com-
6 mitted, according to their respective warrants. All moneys
7 now in the treasury of said town of Wells and all sums
8 which shall hereafter be received from taxes heretofore
9 assessed shall be applied to the several purposes for which
10 they were raised.

Sect. 3. The existing liabilities and obligations of the
2 town of Wells shall be divided as follows: Ogunquit to as-
3 sume one half of the debt, provided such debt at time of
4 division does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars; in
5 case it is found the debt exceeds that amount, namely:
6 twenty-five thousand dollars, then Ogunquit is to assume
7 twelve thousand five hundred dollars and town of Wells to
8 assume the remainder.

The contract with the Mousam Water Company shall be borne by each town in proportion to the number of hydrants used by each. All paupers and insane now supported by the aid of the town of Wells shall after division be maintained and supported by the town in whose territory they resided when they became paupers. Each town shall hereafter bear all expense for the care and maintenance of all roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Sect. 4. All the property of the town of Wells, both real and personal shall be the property of the town in which it is now located, and no reckoning or appraisal shall be made of it when figuring the town debt. The books, papers and records of the town of Wells shall be retained by that town and each town shall have free access to the same.

Sect. 5. Any justice of the peace or notary public in the County of York may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the town of Ogunquit directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said warrant, giving at least seven days' notice therefor, for the choice of town officers and to transact such town business as towns are authorized to do.

Sect. 6. Until the next legislative apportionment of representatives the town of Ogunquit shall be classed with the towns of Wells and York.

Sect. 7. Nothing herein contained shall affect the assessment of taxes and the regular distribution thereof for the municipal year of nineteen hundred seventeen.

Sect. 8. Upon the organization of the town of Ogunquit,
2 Chapter 203 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 shall
3 become thereby repealed.