

#### NEW DRAFT

# EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SENATE

#### NO. 228

In Senate, March 8, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Spencer from Committee on Towns and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

## STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Incorporate the Towns of South Thomaston and Owls Head, in the County of Knox, into a Single Town.

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

Section 1. That the towns of South Thomaston and Owls 2 Head, in the county of Knox, be and hereby are incorpo-3 rated into a single municipality to be known as the town 4 of South Thomaston.

Sect. 2. That the new town of South Thomaston shall 2 administer the municipal affairs, acquire for corporate pur-3 poses all the municipal properties, assume all the indebted-4 ness and liabilities and enforce all the rights and obliga-5 tions of both of said towns; that in order to consummate

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6 the act of incorporation said new town, in all cases where-7 in said towns might have been made a party severally, may 8 sue or be sued, either at law or in equity, in its municipal 9 capacity under the name of South Thomaston.

Sect. 3. All municipal officers legally elected and quali-2 fied in both towns at the annual meetings thereof for the 3 year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three shall con-4 stitute joint boards for the administration of municipal af-5 fairs until their successors may have been duly elected and 6 qualified.

Sect. 4. This act shall not take effect until it shall have 2 been approved by a majority of the legal voters of the 3 towns of South Thomaston and Owls Head, who may be 4 present and vote at special meetings duly called in their 5 respective towns on the tenth day of September in the year 6 one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three; and the ques-7 tion which then shall be submitted to the voters of said 8 towns shall be in substance the following: "Shall the towns 9 of South Thomaston and Owls Head in the county of Knox 10 be incorporated into a single town?" and thereafter within 11 twenty-four hours from the time when the polls shall have 12 been closed, the clerk of each of said towns shall transmit 13 by registered mail, postage prepaid, to the secretary of state 14 at Augusta a certified copy of the record of the vote of 15 his town, if any, upon said question, together with the offi-16 cial check lists used at said meeting in his respective town.

And if the major combined votes of both towns upon said

2 question as submitted be affirmative, the secretary of state 3 shall transmit to the clerk of each town a certificate of the 4 fact of incorporation of said towns into a single town and 5 shall publish forthwith in two weekly newspapers within 6 the state, one at Augusta and one within said county of 7 Knox, for three weeks in succession, the certificate of said 8 fact of incorporation, and said towns shall thereafter be 9 known as the town of South Thomaston.

And if either town refuses or neglects to properly call 2 and hold said meeting for the purpose specified on the day 3 herein designated, or to make the return herein required, 4 the secretary of state shall determine the fact of approval 5 or disapproval from the return of the other town, and in 6 case of approval shall declare the result in the manner be-7 fore prescribed herein.

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