

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 505

S. D. No. 208

In Senate, March 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Holley of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Authorize the Formation of Municipal Districts.

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

Section 1. A town having a population of over two thousand inhabitants, or a group of towns adjacent to each other, having a population of not over six thousand inhabitants, according to the last census, may, by an appropriate article in the warrant calling the annual town meeting or in the warrant calling a special town meeting, form a municipal district for the purpose of managing the municipal affairs of the towns comprising said district as hereinafter set forth.

Sect. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential

2 and municipal affairs of such districts, with the government
3 thereof, except the general management, care, conduct and
4 control of the schools of the respective towns forming such
5 district, and also except as otherwise provided by this act,
6 shall be and are vested in one body which shall be com-
7 posed of the selectmen of the town or towns comprising
8 such municipal district and which shall be designated and
9 called the district council. Said district council shall exer-
10 cise its powers in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sect. 3. The members of the district council shall be and
2 constitute the municipal officers of said district for all pur-
3 poses required by statute, and, except as otherwise herein
4 specifically provided, shall have all the powers and authority
5 given to and perform all duties required of municipal offi-
6 cers of towns. Said district council is hereby constituted
7 the overseers of the poor of said district and shall perform
8 all duties required of overseers of the poor for towns by
9 statute or otherwise. As such overseers of the poor, they
10 may authorize a clerk or agent to sign in their name and
11 send written notices and the written answers referred to
12 or required in sections thirty-five and thirty-six of chapter
13 twenty-nine of the revised statutes, and such written no-
14 tices and written answers, so signed, shall have the same
15 effect as if signed by one or more of the overseers of the
16 towns comprising said district and sent by a member or
17 members of said overseers personally. The district coun-
18 cil shall meet annually on the last Saturday of March in

19 the oldest town in said district at the place where such town
20 held its last annual town meeting, at ten o'clock in the fore-
21 noon.

Sect. 4. At such first meeting, or as soon thereafter as
2 possible, the district council shall elect one of its members
3 as chairman of the council for the ensuing year and until
4 his successor is elected and qualified, and the district coun-
5 cil may fill for the unexpired term any vacancy as chair-
6 man that may occur.

Sect. 5. Special meetings of the council may be called by
2 the chairman and in case of his absence, disability or re-
3 fusal, may be called by a majority of the members of the
4 district council. Notice of such meeting shall be given
5 each member by a written notice signed by the chairman,
6 and mailed in a post office, postage prepaid, forty-eight
7 hours at least prior to the time of the holding of said spe-
8 cial meetings.

Sect. 6. A majority of the members of the district coun-
2 cil shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business,
3 but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Sect. 7. The following officers shall be elected by ballot
2 by a majority vote of said district council: district manager,
3 district clerk, district treasurer, district tax collector, dis-
4 trict assessors of taxes, and district road commissioner.
5 They shall also elect constables, police officers, health offi-
6 cers for the respective towns comprising said district, in
7 the same manner and to the same extent as selectmen are

8 authorized to appoint for their towns. The district coun-
9 cil shall fix by order the salaries of the district manager,
10 district clerk, treasurer and tax collector, and shall appor-
11 tion to each town comprising said district, the proportion
12 thereof which it shall pay therefor.

Sect. 8. Appointees to serve as road commissioners, shall
2 have had practical experience in the construction and main-
3 tenance of highways and bridges and devote their entire
4 time to supervision in the towns comprising the district, and
5 shall have all the powers and duties exercised by the town
6 road commissioners, subject to the district manager.

Sect. 9. Chapter ninety-two of the public laws of nine-
2 teen hundred and nineteen shall not apply to towns form-
3 ing a district, in accordance with the provisions of the pre-
4 ceding sections, for such a time as that district may con-
5 tinue in force.