

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 511

S. P. 243 House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

ORDERED, That 500 copies be printed of Senate Paper No. 243, being "An Act to divide the town of Madawaska and to Incorporate the towns of Madawaska and Saint David." Read and passed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest: CLYDE R. CHAPMAN,

Clerk of the House.

Presented by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Divide the Town of Madawaska and to Incorporate the Towns of Madawaska and Saint David.

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

Whereas, conditions exist which render it highly desirable that the town of Madawaska be divided into two towns; and

Whereas, it is very important that the change in territorial limits shall take place and go into effect before the first day of April, nineteen hundred thirty-one, the date of assessment of taxes, in order that uncertainty and confusion may not arise between the two new towns regarding the apportionment and application of the taxes to be assessed, especially as such may relate to the maintenance of schools and highways and repairs of highways and bridges; and

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as is contemplated by the constitution of this state and the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety. Now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Madawaska incorporated. All that part of the town of Madawaska in the county of Aroostook, and state of Maine, which is described and bounded as follows: Beginning on the bank of the St. John River at the northwest corner of Treaty lot numbered one hundred forty; thence southwesterly on the dividing line of Treaty lots numbered one hundred thirty-nine and one hundred forty to the southwest corner of said lot one hundred forty; thence on the southwest line of said lot one hundred forty to the northwest corner of lot numbered one; thence southerly on the west line of lots numbered one, two, three, four, five, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-nine, as surveyed by Albert A. Burleigh in eighteen hundred seventy-eight, to the northwest corner of lot numbered seventy-nine in St. Agatha; thence on the present dividing line between the towns of Frenchville and Madawaska to the bank of the St. John River; thence down the river to the place of beginning; is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Madawaska with all the rights and powers of towns and subject to all the liabilities thereof.

Sec. 2. Saint David incorporated. All that remaining portion of the town of Madawaska is hereby incorporated into a separate town by the name of Saint David and said town is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and obligations incident to other towns in this state.

Sec. 3. Taxes and money now in treasury, how applied. The several inhabitants of the present town of Madawaska shall be holden to pay all taxes which have been legally assessed upon them by the town of Madawaska and the collectors of taxes for said town of Madawaska are hereby authorized and required to collect and pay all taxes already to them committed according to their respective warrants. All moneys now in the treasury of said town of Madawaska and all sums which shall hereafter be received from taxes theretofore assessed shall be applied to the several purposes for which they were received and the town officers of the town of Madawaska shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as they now have and perform within the limits of the

two new towns until the organization of said new towns is completed by the choice of like town officers.

Sec. 4. Liabilities and obligations, how divided. The existing liabilities and obligations of the town of Madawaska shall be divided as follows: the town debt, if any, and the state and county taxes to be assessed against the town of Madawaska for nineteen hundred thirty-one and nineteen hundred thirty-two, if no state tax is assessed against the new towns of Madawaska and Saint David, shall be borne by said towns in proportion to the valuation of their respective territory as taken by the assessors in April, nineteen hundred thirty.

Sec. 5. Care of paupers. All paupers supported and aided by the town of Madawaska and all persons that may hereafter fall into distress or become paupers shall, after this act becomes effective, be maintained and supported by the town in whose territory they resided when they became paupers and in whose territory their settlement may be established under the laws of this state.

Sec. 6. School expenses. Each town shall hereafter bear all expenses of the care and maintenance of all schools, roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Sec. 7. Town property. All the property now belonging to the town of Madawaska including the town hall, school houses and school books, shall be held and owned by the town within whose territory said property is located. All town books, papers and records shall be retained by said town of Madawaska and both of said towns shall have free access to the same.

Sec. 8. Warrant for holding of town meetings. F. W. Pelletier is hereby authorized to call the first meeting for the organization of Madawaska by posting two warrants in said town seven days previous to the meeting in the month of March or April following the approval of this act.

Any justice of the peace in Aroostook county is hereby authorized to call the first meeting for the organization of the town of Saint David by posting two warrants in said town seven days previous to the meeting in the month of March or April following the approval of this act.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.