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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Voting Districts in the Town of Harpswell.

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

P. & S. L., 1907, c. 40, repealed. Chapter 40 of the private and special laws of 1907, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 1. Districts created. For the election of representatives to the legislature, senators, county and state officers, electors of president and vice-president and for any election held in accordance with the initiative and referendum provisions of the constitution of Maine or to vote upon amendments to the constitution of Maine, the town of Harpswell in the county of Cumberland is hereby divided into three voting districts to be known respectively as the Great Island district, the Orr's and Bailey Island district, and the Mainland district; and the respective officers thereof shall be subject to the laws relating to the election of the offices hereinbefore enumerated and to the laws relating to elections generally.'

'Sec. 2. Districts delimited. The Great Island district shall embrace the following islands, parts of the same town of Harpswell, namely: Sebascodegan, known as Great Island, also called East Harpswell, Dingley Is-

land, Yarmouth Island, and any other small adjacent islands. The Orr's and Bailey Island district shall embrace Orr's, Ragged, and Bailey islands, provided, however, that the municipal officers of said Harpswell not less than 60 days before any election may, after notice of their intention published once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county of Cumberland, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to the date set for hearing and hearing thereon, include within said district that part of Great Island adjacent to Orr's Island known as the "Gun Point and Dyer's Cove" sections. The Mainland district shall embrace the remainder of the said town of Harpswell.'

'Sec. 3. Meeting places to be provided. The selectmen of said town shall provide suitable places within both the Great Island and the Orr's and Bailey Island districts for holding the elections referred to in section I therein respectively; and in their warrants for holding such elections they shall direct the voters in said districts to assemble for the purpose in the respective places so provided, and shall direct the voters in the mainland district to assemble in the town house or other place provided for the holding of annual town meetings. In addition to the notice of such elections now required by law, at least one attested copy of the warrant shall be posted in some public and conspicuous place in both the Great Island and the Orr's and Bailey Island districts.'

'Sec. 4. Preparation of voting lists. The selectmen shall prepare separate lists of the qualified voters for each of said districts and all provisions of law relating to the preparation and posting of such lists in towns shall apply to the several lists herein provided for except that changes in such lists shall be made on the day of election only in the Mainland district.'

'Sec. 5. Temporary district officers. At least 7 days before the first election to be held under the provisions of this act, the selectmen of said town shall appoint a warden, a clerk and a constable for the Great Island district, who shall be qualified voters therein and a warden, a clerk and a constable for the Orr's and Bailey Island district who shall be qualified voters therein, all of whom shall be sworn and who shall perform the same duties at such elections as are performed by selectmen, town clerks and constables respectively at elections in towns, except as otherwise herein provided, and who shall continue in office until their successors are elected as hereinafter provided.'

'Sec. 6. Permanent district officers. In their warrants for such first election the selectmen shall make provision by suitable articles for the election thereof of a warden, a clerk and a constable in the Great Island

district and in the Orr's and Bailey Island district who shall be similarly qualified and sworn and who shall hold office for the term of 2 years from the 1st day of January next following their election or until their successors are elected and qualified; and similar elections shall be held at each regular election for the choice of governor thereafter. Vacancies in such offices shall be filled for the unexpired term by the selectmen.'

'Sec. 7. Town officers to act in Mainland district. At all such elections held in the mainland district the selectmen and town clerk shall perform the duties incumbent upon them at elections in towns.'

'Sec. 8. Conduct of elections. At such elections in the Great Island district and in the Orr's and Bailey Island district the respective wardens shall preside and receive the ballots and with the assistance of the clerk and constable upon the closing of the polls shall sort and count the same and declare the result in open district meeting, and before adjournment thereof shall prepare a proper return of the vote and sign and seal it in an envelope; and within 24 hours thereafter shall cause it to be delivered to the town clerk and thereupon the town clerk shall make a record of the lists of votes in the three several districts and the selectmen and town clerk shall forthwith prepare therefrom and send to the secretary of state a proper official return of the vote of the town in the manner prescribed by law.'