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STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 183.

An Act to submit to the legal voters of York County the question as to whether the shire town shall be changed, and if so to establish the shire town at Saco, Kennebunk or Sanford.

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

Section 1. The selectmen of the several towns and the mayors and aldermen of the cities of Biddeford and Saco in the county of York, shall, at the next regular election held on the second Monday of September, nineteen hundred and ten, submit to the voters of said county of York the four following questions, to wit:

First. Shall the shire town of York county be changed?

Second. If it is to be changed, shall Saco be the shire town?

Third. If it is to be changed, shall Kennebunk be the shire town?

Fourth. If it is to be changed, shall Sanford be the shire town?

Section 2. The secretary of state shall furnish for the purpose named in section one of this act, ballots upon each of which shall be printed:

Number one. Shall the shire town of York county be changed?

"Yes."

"No."

Number two. If it is to be changed, shall Saco be the shire towns?

"Yes."

"No."

Number three. If it is to be changed, shall Kennebunk be the shire town?

"Yes."

"No."

Number four. If it is to be changed, shall Sanford be the shire town?

"Yes."

"No."

Said ballots shall be prepared and printed in the same manner as is provided for use in the election of state and county officers, and the balloting, receiving, sorting and counting of said ballots, and the return of the same, shall be in the same manner as the same is done at the meetings for the election of state and county officers.

The governor and council at their first meeting, after said ballots have been so cast, counted and returned, shall canvass said returns in the same manner as they canvass the returns for the election of state and county officers, and shall within ten days after such canvass shall have been completed, certify to the county commissioners of said York county the result of said votes.

Questions to be submitted to voters in York county in 1910.

—form of questions.

Secretary of state shall furnish ballots.

—form of ballots.

Preparation of ballots, etc.

Returns shall be canvassed by governor and council.

—certify to county commissioners.

Section 3. If it appears by said certificate that a majority of the persons voting upon question number one have answered "no" thereto, then Alfred shall remain the shire town, and no further action shall be taken under this act; but if it appears that a majority of the persons voting upon question number one have answered "yes" thereto, and if it also appears that a majority of the persons voting upon questions number one, two, three and four have voted "yes" in answer to either of questions number two, three or four, then the city or town designated by said questions number two, three or four, receiving such majority vote shall become and be the shire town of said county from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve.

When shire town shall be changed, and if changed, where located.

Section 4. Before said first day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve, the county commissioners of said county of York, or a majority of them, are authorized, empowered, directed and required to purchase a lot and cause to be erected at said Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as aforesaid provided and selected, buildings suitable for a court house, county offices and a jail for the use of said county, and to procure a loan of money for the purpose, and assess taxes for the same in such amounts and at such times as in their judgment shall be most advantageous to the interest of said county.

County commissioners authorized to purchase lot and erect suitable buildings thereon for use of county.

—procure a loan and assess taxes.

Section 5. The amount to be raised by the county commissioners by assessment or loan to carry out the provisions of this act shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Amount to be raised.

Section 6. The county commissioners shall forthwith, after said buildings as are specified in section four of this act have been provided, cause the records in all the county offices, including the registry of deeds, registry of probate, the records of the county commissioners, and the records and files of all the courts which now are or have been held in said county, to be removed to the place prepared for them at said Saco or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein provided and selected, and said commissioners shall cause notice of the fact that suitable buildings have been provided, as provided in section four of this act, and of the removal of the records aforesaid by publication in all the public newspapers printed in said county, also in the state paper, and to be continued in all the daily and weekly issues of each of said papers for three weeks successively thereafter.

Removal of all records by county commissioners.

Section 7. The several terms of the supreme judicial court which are now required to be holden at Alfred and at Saco for

Terms of S. J. court where to be held.

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the county of York, shall after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve, be holden at Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein provided and selected in said county, and all writs, processes of any kind, and all proceedings commenced prior to that date and returnable to the January, nineteen hundred and twelve term of said court shall be made returnable to the January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve term of said court at Saco, Kennebunk or Sanford, and be entered and have day and be returned in said court at said Saco, or Kennebunk or Sanford, as herein provided and selected.

When the provisions of this act shall be void.

Section 8. All the provisions of this act shall be void and of no effect unless the city or town determined as aforesaid to become the shire town of said county, or the citizens of such city or town shall raise before the first day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and appropriate and pay the same to the treasurer of said county to be used in defraying the expense of erecting said new county buildings.

Designated city or town authorized to raise money.

Section 9. Said city of Saco, or town of Kennebunk, or town of Sanford so designated as above provided as the shire town of said county, is hereby authorized and empowered to raise by loan or otherwise such sum of fifty thousand dollars to comply with the preceding section, and to issue its notes, bonds or script therefor duly executed by its proper officers payable at such times and in such amounts, and with such rate of interest as it may determine. Taxes therefor may be assessed at such times and in such amounts as such city or town may determine.

—may issue bonds.

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 184.

An Act to incorporate the Hiram Water, Light and Power Company.

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

Coporators.

Section 1. E. W. Bosworth, Charles E. Wilson, Albert F. Berry, L. E. Kendall and J. Merrill Lord, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Hiram Water, Light and Power Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as provided herein.

—corpor-
ate name.