

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT to unite the towns of Skowhegan and Bloomfield.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The towns of Skowhegan and Bloomfield,
2 in the county of Somerset, are hereby united, and shall
3 constitute one town, by the name of Skowhegan, with
4 all the powers and privileges and subject to all the
5 duties of other towns.

SECT. 2. The several collectors for the town of
2 Skowhegan and the town of Bloomfield, are hereby
3 authorized and empowered to collect and pay all taxes
4 to them committed agreeably to their several warrants,
5 and also all taxes which have been legally assessed

6 and which may be hereafter committed to said col-
7 lectors.

SECT. 3. All debts due from the towns of Skowhe-
2 gan and Bloomfield, at the time this act shall take
3 effect, shall be paid by said towns respectively, and
4 all taxes and debts due to said towns respectively ;
5 and said towns are authorized to use the same pro-
6 cesses and proceedings for the recovery of the same,
7 and to be subject to the same processes and proceed-
8 ings touching the debts due from said towns as though
9 this act had not been passed.

SECT. 4. Whenever it shall appear that the debts of
2 either of the present towns of Skowhegan or Bloom-
3 field, exceed the corporate assets of such town, the
4 assessors for the time being, of the town of Skowhe-
5 gan, hereby incorporated, are authorized to assess
6 upon the polls and estates within the present limits of
7 such town, a sum sufficient to pay such deficiency in
8 connection with their other annual assessments placing
9 the same in separate and distinct columns, and the
10 sum so assessed shall be collected and appropriated to
11 the payment of such deficiency.

SECT. 5. The real estate of said towns of Skowhe-
2 gan and Bloomfield, and the stock on the town farm
3 of Skowhegan (excepting the town house owned by

4 the town of Skowhegan) from and after the passage of
5 this act, shall belong to the town of Skowhegan, as
6 composed of said two towns.

SECT. 6. Whenever the new town of Skowhegan
2 shall vote to build a town house, it shall be located on
3 Skowhegan Island, unless a majority of each town as
4 now constituted, shall otherwise decide ; and the town
5 meetings of the new town shall be held at the town
6 house in Skowhegan, until such new town house shall
7 be built, when said old town house shall belong to the
8 old town of Skowhegan.

SECT. 7. Until the next general apportionment,
2 such persons now or hereafter within the limits of the
3 present town of Skowhegan, and within the present
4 limits of Bloomfield, as may be entitled to vote for a
5 representative to the legislature and a representative
6 to congress, shall remain united to their respective dis-
7 tricts for the election of such representatives, and it
8 shall be the duty of the selectmen of Skowhegan, at
9 the election of such representatives, to provide sepa-
10 rate check lists and separate ballot boxes, and to make
11 separate returns of the votes cast for such representa-
12 tives by the legal voters residing within the present
13 limits of Skowhegan and Bloomfield, respectively.

SECT. 8. Until a new state valuation shall be com-

2 pleted, all state and county taxes shall be assessed
3 upon the town of Skowhegan hereby incorporated,
4 which would otherwise be assessed upon the two towns
5 of Skowhegan and Bloomfield.

SECT. 9. Nothing in this act shall affect the minist-
2 terial fund and the congregational ministerial fund as
3 now invested in said town of Bloomfield, or divert the
4 same from the uses for which they are now intended
5 and appropriated.

SECT. 10. The first meeting for the choice of town
2 officers for the town of Skowhegan hereby created, and
3 for the transaction of town business, shall be held on
4 the — Monday of March next, at the town house in
5 Skowhegan. Any justice of the peace for the county
6 of Somerset, may issue his warrant to any inhabitant of
7 Skowhegan or Bloomfield, directing him to notify the
8 first meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Skow-
9 hegan as hereby created, to be held at the place and
10 on the day in this section specified, and a copy of said
11 warrant attested by such inhabitant being posted in
12 two public and conspicuous places within the said town
13 of Skowhegan, and also within the said town of Bloom-
14 field, at least seven days before said meeting, shall be
15 deemed legal and sufficient notice of said meeting.

SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent

2 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and
3 this act shall take effect and be in force when it shall
4 have been accepted by a vote of the inhabitants of
5 each town hereby united, at a legal meeting thereof,
6 which meeting shall be held in each town on the first
7 Monday of March next ; and it shall be the duty of
8 the selectmen of the two towns hereby united to meet
9 on the day next after said meeting, and compare the
10 votes, and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes
11 of each town are in favor of uniting, they shall imme-
12 diately petition some justice of the peace to call the
13 first meeting, as provided in section ten.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 14, 1861. }

Reported by Mr. SANBORN of Liberty, from the Committee on
Incorporation of Towns, and on motion of Mr. HAMILTON of
Biddeford, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed
for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*