

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

No. 445

MAJORITY REPORT.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to divide the town of York, and establish the town
of Yorktown.

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

Section 1. All that part of the town of York lying south-
erly of the following described line, namely, beginning on
the line dividing the towns of York and Wells at a point
where Josias River crosses said line, thence running in a
southwesterly direction in a straight line to the town line
dividing the town of York from the town of Kittery at a
point on the northwesterly side of the road leading from
York Corner to Portsmouth, N. H., and commonly called

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9 and known as "the post road," together with the inhabitants
10 thereof, is hereby set off from the town of York incorpo-
11 rated into a separate town by the name of Yorktown, and
12 said town of Yorktown is hereby invested with all the pow-
13 ers and privileges and subject to all the duties and obliga-
14 tions incident to other towns of the State.

Sect. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of Yorktown
2 shall be holden to pay all taxes which have been legally as-
3 sessed upon them by the town of York, and the collectors
4 of taxes for said town of York are hereby authorized and
5 required to collect and pay all taxes to them already com-
6 mitted according to their respective warrants. All moneys
7 now in the treasury of said town of York, and all sums which
8 shall hereafter be received from taxes heretofore assessed,
9 shall be applied to the several purposes for which they were
10 raised, and in case of any excess, said excess shall be appor-
11 tioned to the Towns of York and Yorktown in proportion
12 to the valuation of the property and polls as made April 1,
13 1908, and the treasurer of the town of York shall pay over
14 to the Treasurer of the town of Yorktown such sums as may
15 be found to be due said town of Yorktown. The County
16 Commissioners of York County shall make the apportion-
17 ment.

Sect. 3. The existing liabilities and obligations of the
2 town of York shall be divided as follows: The town debt
3 shall be borne by said towns in proportion to the valuation

4 of their respective territories as of April nineteen hundred
5 and eight. The obligations of the town of York shall be
6 borne by each town in the foregoing proportion, except its
7 contracts with the York Shore Water Company which shall
8 be borne by each town in proportion to the number of hy-
9 drants used by each. All paupers now supported by the aid
10 of the town of York shall, after division, be maintained and
11 supported by the town in whose territory they resided when
12 they became paupers including the paupers now supported
13 on the town farm and insane hospital. Each town shall
14 henceforth bear all expenses for the care and maintenance
15 of all roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Sect. 4. The high school building and lot with all the
2 equipment connected therewith shall be the property of the
3 two towns jointly. Said high school shall be maintained
4 by the two towns in proportion to the valuation of the re-
5 spective towns, and all appropriations therefor shall be
6 based upon the valuation taken by the assessors of the re-
7 spective towns in April next preceding the town meetings
8 at which any appropriation is made therefor. The manage-
9 ment and control of said high school shall be with the su-
10 perintending school committees of the two towns acting joint-
11 ly. All trust funds now or hereafter held or given for the
12 maintenance of the high school in the town of York shall
13 be under the direction and control of said superintending
14 school committee of the two towns acting jointly.

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Sect. 5. All the other property, real and personal, of the
2 town of York shall be the property of the town in which it
3 is now located. It shall be appraised by the County Com-
4 missioners of York County and each town shall be charged
5 with the appraised value thereof.

The difference between the appraisal of the property taken
7 by each town shall be paid by the town taking the larger
8 amount and it shall be divided between the two towns in
9 proportion to the valuation of their respective territories, as
10 taken by the assessors in April, nineteen hundred and eight.
11 The books and papers and records of the town of York shall
12 be retained by the town of Yorktown, and each town shall
13 have access to the same.

Sect. 6. Any justice of the peace or notary public of the
2 county of York may issue his warrant to any legal voter in
3 the town of Yorktown directing him to notify the inhabi-
4 tants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said
5 warrant, giving at least seven days notice therefor, for the
6 choice of town officers, and to transact such business as
7 towns are authorized to do.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Towns to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act to divide the town of York and establish the town of Yorktown, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to Report that the same ought not to pass.

Per Order,

B. COLCORD,
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