

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

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AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. The boundary line between the State of Connecticut and the State of Rhode Island, from the southeast corner of Connecticut, in Fishers Island Sound, to the northwest corner of Rhode Island, is as follows: Beginning at a point in Fishers Island Sound at the New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island Tri-State Corner, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 18' 15.84''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 54' 28.58''$; thence northeasterly to Rhodes Folly, an angle point at the northerly end of Sandy Point, at the entrance to Little Narraganset Bay, marked by a spindle, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 19.85'$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 53.70'$; thence southeasterly to an angle point in Little Narraganset Bay, on a line from Rhodes Folly to the extreme point of land on the north shore of Foster Cove, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 19.14'$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 52.00'$; thence northeasterly to an angle point at the mouth of the Pawcatuck River, between the southerly tip of Pawcatuck Point and the westerly point of land on Rhodes Point, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 19.22'$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 51.57'$; thence northeasterly to an angle point in the Pawcatuck River off the mouth of Colonel Willie Cove, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 19.45'$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 51.15'$; thence northeasterly to an angle

point in the Pawcatuck River off Graves Neck, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 19.76'$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 50.92'$; thence in a general northerly and easterly direction, along the thread of the Pawcatuck River, to a point at the mouth of the Ashaway River, marked by a brass bolt and plate set in a coarse granite boulder against the west bank of the Ashaway River, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 25' 00.847''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 53.497''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 58' 04''$ east, 3443.9 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Ashaway Road, leading westerly from Ashaway, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 25' 34.851''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 51.945''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 55' 41''$ east, 2661.7 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of a lane, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 26' 01.134''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 50.769''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 04' 02''$ east, 3452.2 feet to a granite monument set on the northwest side of the highway from New London to Providence, just west of the bridge over the Ashaway River, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 26' 35.220''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 49.134''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 09' 26''$ east, 6127.2 feet to a point on the north side of the road, leading from Hopkinton to Clark Falls, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 27' 35.714''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 46.105''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 07' 40''$ east, 1463.9 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of the road, leading from Hopkinton to Laurel Glen, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 27' 50.169''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 45.391''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 31' 52''$ east, 3428.8 feet to a granite monument set in a pasture, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 28' 24.013''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 43.402''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 31' 41''$ east, 5276.9 feet to a granite monument set on the west side of a wood road, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 29' 16.098''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 40.344''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 27' 49''$ east, 6457.7 feet to a granite monument in woodland, at or

near the northeast corner of the Town of North Stonington and the southeast corner of the Town of Voluntown, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 30' 19.840''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 36.696''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 48' 47''$ east, 7742.8 feet to a granite monument set on the south side of the first road north of Yawgoag Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 31' 36.298''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 33.475''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 42' 35''$ east, 10,014.1 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of a dirt road, 680 feet east of Rockville Road (Beach Pond Road), in north latitude $41^{\circ} 33' 15.191''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 29.545''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 35' 19''$ east, 2540.7 feet to a granite monument set on the northeast side of a gravel road, leading from Rockville to Beach Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 33' 40.283''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 28.618''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 45' 53''$ east, 12287.8 feet to a granite monument set in woodland southwest of Tippecan Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 35' 41.626''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 23.638''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 53' 59''$ east, 9466.7 feet to a granite monument set on the southeast side of the Shetucket Turnpike, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 37' 15.103''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 19.506''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 25' 34''$ east, 4964.6 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Youngs Road south of Bailey Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 38' 04.136''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 17.879''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 13' 11''$ east, 7835.4 feet to a granite monument set in swampy woodland, at the northwest corner of the town of West Greenwich and the southwest corner of the town of Coventry, known as the Warwick Corner, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 39' 21.529''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 15.682''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 41' 52''$ west, 4967.2 feet to a granite monument set on the south side of Newport Road, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 40' 10.582''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 17.621''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 36' 07''$ west, 19,996.5 feet to a granite monument set on the west side

of Jencks Road, at or near the northwest corner of the town of Coventry, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 43' 28.070''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 24.609''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 03' 24''$ west, 5229.6 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Snake Meadow Hill Road (Plain Woods Road), in north latitude $41^{\circ} 44' 19.728''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 25.881''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 37' 34''$ west, 11,404.5 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Saw Mill Hill Road (South Killingly Road), in north latitude $41^{\circ} 46' 12.354''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 30.151''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 38' 54''$ west, 1544.0 feet to a point in woodland, at or near the northeast corner of the town of Sterling and the southeast corner of the town of Killingly, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 46' 27.601''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 30.737''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 51' 46''$ west, 5901.6 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Wright Road, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 47' 25.875''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 33.269''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 49' 31''$ west, 9688.3 feet to a point on the north side of Ledge Road, south of Smith Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 49' 01.542''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 37.345''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 38' 45''$ west, 8281.8 feet to a point on the south side of Bear Hill Road (East Killingly Road), leading from East Killingly to South Foster, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 50' 23.326''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 40.487''$; thence north $2^{\circ} 02' 17''$ west, 3348.7 feet to a point on the south side of the Hartford Pike, leading from East Killingly to North Foster, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 50' 56.389''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 42.060''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 57' 44''$ west, 1685.0 feet to a point in woodland south of Killingly Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 51' 13.028''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 42.823''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 53' 29''$ west, 15,160.4 feet across Killingly Pond to a granite monument set on the north side of Cady Road (Sheldon Road), in north latitude $41^{\circ} 53' 42.720''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 49.439''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 21' 38''$ west, 1726.0 feet to a

granite monument set on the northeast side of Blood Road, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 53' 59.766''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 49.981''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 29' 29''$ west, 4405.2 feet to a granite monument set on the southeast side of Five Mile River Road (Putnam Heights Road), leading from West Gloucester to Pineville, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 54' 43.271''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 51.497''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 38' 59''$ west, 2933.2 feet to a granite monument set in woodland west of Hawkins Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 55' 12.237''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 52.614''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 47' 49''$ west, 2667.6 feet to a point on the north side of Elmwood Hill Road, leading from West Gloucester to Quaddick, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 55' 38.578''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 53.720''$; thence north $1^{\circ} 55' 29''$ west, 1235.5 feet to a granite monument set in a woodland south of Peck Pond, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 55' 50.777''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 54.269''$; thence north $0^{\circ} 40' 53''$ west, 19,811.1 feet to a point on the northeast side of Buck Hill Road, leading from East Thompson to Huntsville, in north latitude $41^{\circ} 59' 06.479''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 57.388''$; thence north $0^{\circ} 51' 39''$ west, 6879.9 feet to a granite monument set on the north side of Starr Road, in north latitude $42^{\circ} 00' 14.437''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 58.756''$; thence north $0^{\circ} 08' 25''$ west, 1437.7 feet to a granite monument set in woodland at the northwest corner of the State of Rhode Island and marking the corners of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, north latitude $42^{\circ} 00' 28.640''$ and west longitude $71^{\circ} 47' 58.803''$.

Sec. 2. The monuments referred to in this description were set on the line established by the Joint Commission of 1840, with the exceptions of the Warwick Corner, which was set by a joint commission in 1742, reset in 1840 and reset again in a concrete base in October 1923; and the

Tristate Corner at the northwest corner of Rhode Island, set by a Massachusetts-Rhode Island Commission in 1883.

Sec. 3. The Geodetic positions given in this description are based on the Clarke's Spheroid of 1866 and the astronomical data adopted by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1880, and were derived from precise triangulation and traverse. The bearings and distances given between adjacent monuments are Geodetic bearings and distances.

Sec. 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any titles to property, corporeal or incorporeal, held under grants previously made by either state, nor to affect rights which said States or citizens of said state may have by grant, letters-patent, or prescription of fishing in the waters of Fishers Island Sound, whether for shell or floating fish, irrespective of the boundary line hereby established; it not being the purpose hereof to define, limit or interfere with any such right, or privilege.

Sec. 5. The Governor is authorized and requested to transmit a copy of this act to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and upon receiving acknowledgment of its receipt by the State of Rhode Island, the Governor of Connecticut shall cause such acknowledgment to be filed in the Office of the Secretary.

Sec. 6. The Governor is authorized, in concurrence with the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, to communicate to the Congress of the United States the action of the two States on this subject and to request the Congress to approve the boundaries thus established and monumented.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To formalize the establishment of the Connecticut-Rhode Island State Line, as was done for the Connecticut-New York State Line and the Connecticut-Massachusetts State Line in 1911 and 1913.