

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 25.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock
Steam Ferry Company.

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

SECTION 1. Charles H. Allen, his associates,
2 successors and assigns are hereby constituted
3 a body corporate by the name of the Sullivan and
4 Hancock Steam Ferry Company, with power to
5 take and hold, or purchase or lease such real estate
6 as may be necessary to effect the objects of this
7 charter, and with all the powers and privileges
8 granted by the general laws of this state to cor-
9 porations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered
2 to establish and maintain a steam ferry for twenty

3 years, between Sullivan and Hancock in the county
4 of Hancock, across Taunton Bay or Sullivan River
5 (so called) from the terminus of the road, as now
6 existing on the Sullivan shore, to the terminus of
7 the road as now existing on the Hancock shore,
8 with all boats, machinery and appurtenances neces-
9 sary therefor, and with the right to use tempora-
10 rily, boats not propelled by steam when necessary;
11 all boats to be of such size and character as the
12 wants of the public require.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right
2 to build and maintain on the shores of said ferry,
3 such piers, abutments, landings and wharves as
4 may be necessary, and shall put up suitable sheds
5 on both shores for the shelter of passengers and
6 horses.

SECT. 4. If the land of any individual or corpor-
2 ation is taken under this act, and the parties can-
3 not agree on the damages occasioned thereby, they
4 shall be estimated, secured and paid in the manner
5 provided in the case of damages for the laying out
6 of highways.

SECT. 5. The following rates of toll are hereby
2 established: for a single team or carriage, carry-
3 ing not exceeding two persons, thirty cents; for a

4 double team or carriage, carrying not exceeding
5 two persons, forty cents; for each person exceed-
6 ing two, five cents, and for each additional horse,
7 ten cents; for a foot passenger, ten cents; for a
8 yoke of cattle and driver, twenty-five cents; for
9 the same with cart, thirty cents; for an ox, cow,
10 or horse not driven in harness, fifteen cents, and
11 for each additional, ten cents, the driver paying as
12 a foot passenger; for sheep or swine, three cents
13 per head; but these rates may be raised or lowered
14 by the county commissioners, after giving the
15 parties interested reasonable notice and full hear-
16 ing, if justice requires it.

SECT. 6. This charter shall be void if the steam
2 ferry is not in actual operation within one year
3 from the approval of this act; and when this cor-
4 poration shall provide suitable boats and appa-
5 ratus for said ferry, the county commissioners of
6 Hancock county shall immediately certify that fact
7 to the parties then operating the ferry, and notify
8 them that all prior rights and franchises will expire
9 on a day fixed by them in said notice, and not ex-
10 ceeding two weeks from the date thereof; and at
11 the date thus fixed all such prior rights and fran-
12 chises shall expire.

SECT. 7. Said ferry shall be operated, when the
2 weather permits, from sun rise until nine o'clock
3 afternoon, between the dates of June first and
4 September first in each year; and from sun rise
5 until seven and one-half o'clock afternoon, between
6 the dates of September first and June first of each
7 year. For any unreasonable neglect or delay to
8 transport during the hours thus named, there shall
9 be a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars,
10 to be recovered by the party injured, in an action
11 on the case.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 4, 1881.

Reported by Mr. WAKEFIELD of York, from the Committee on
Commerce, laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.