

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 32.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer
Steam Ferry Company.

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

SECTION 1. Frank W. Lincoln, of Bangor, his
2 associates and successors, are hereby constituted a
3 body corporate, by the name of the Bangor and
4 Brewer Steam Ferry Company, with power to
5 take and hold by lease or purchase, such real and
6 personal property as may be necessary to effect the
7 objects of this charter. They shall also have and
8 enjoy the powers and rights usual and incident to
9 such corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered
2 to establish and maintain for twenty years from the

3 time it is opened for travel, a ferry across the
4 Penobscot river, below the Bangor and Brewer
5 toll bridge and at or near the present ferry, with one
6 or more boats of such construction, power and
7 capacity as the United States steamboat inspectors
8 for the district of Maine shall approve, to be pro-
9 pelled by steam power, for the safe and conven-
10 ient transportation of foot passengers, their bag-
11 gage and freight.

12 Said corporation may temporarily run a boat or
13 boats propelled by hand, instead of steam power,
14 when accidents, storms or ice make it necessary.

SECT. 3. The season for running said boat or
2 boats shall be from the opening of the river to the
3 closing of the same with ice; and the corporation
4 shall provide such suitable slips and approaches to
5 their ferry, and make such a number of trips a day,
6 between the hours of six in the morning and nine
7 in the evening, as the county commissioners shall
8 direct or approve, and shall make and keep in
9 repair proper approaches to the ice in the winter.
10 A boat or boats shall be run on Sundays as well as
11 on week days.

SECT. 4. The corporation shall purchase the
2 ferry boats and slips of the present ferry, and any

3 other property used therewith, on or before the
4 first day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-
5 three, and if the parties cannot agree upon the
6 price thereof, the county commissioners, after no-
7 tifying the parties, shall appraise the same, and the
8 corporation shall pay the sum so appraised within
9 ten days after the same is made known, and may,
10 if necessary, run said boats by hand power during
11 the remainder of the ferry season of eighteen hun-
12 dred and eighty-three, to give time to prepare
13 their steamboats.

SECT. 5. A toll is hereby granted and estab-
2 lished for the benefit of said corporation, of one
3 cent for each foot passenger, and for baggage or
4 freight weighing not less than twenty-five nor
5 more than one hundred pounds, two cents, and one
6 cent additional for every additional hundred pounds
7 or fraction thereof.

SECT. 6. If said corporation, after they have
2 accepted this charter and established a ferry, shall
3 neglect to furnish a suitable and safe boat or boats,
4 and proper attendance, as required by this act,
5 they shall forfeit and pay for each offence five
6 dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, to the
7 use of any person suing therefor. Said corpora-

8 tion shall also be liable in an action on the case to
9 the party injured for any loss or damage occa-
10 sioned by their neglect or want of proper care.

SECT. 7. After a ferry is actually established
2 under this act, and so long as it shall be main-
3 tained under the provisions thereof, the county
4 commissioners for Penobscot county shall not have
5 power to license a ferry across the Penobscot
6 river, within one mile of the ferry so established.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall be construed
2 to give this corporation power to take private
3 property without consent of the owner thereof,
4 except as herein specified.

SECT. 9. Unless the ferry hereby authorized, is
2 established and put in operation within two years
3 from the approval of this act, then the same shall
4 be void.

SECT. 10. The powers granted by this act may
2 be enlarged or restrained at the pleasure of the
3 legislature.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 29, 1883. }

Presented by Mr. MEADER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, and on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, of Orrington, ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*