

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 177

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the ferry across the Penobscot River,
between the town of Orono and the town of Bradley.

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

Section 1. The right of Ulysses H. Walker, of Orono, as
2 owner of the franchise granted by chapter four hundred and
3 fifty-three of the private and special laws of the year one
4 thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and all acts addi-
5 tional thereto and amendatory thereof, to maintain and
6 operate a ferry across the Penobscot River, to and fro
7 between the town of Orono and the town of Bradley, shall
8 be, and the same is hereby extended for the term of fifteen
9 years, beginning with the third day of February in the year
10 one thousand nine hundred and eight, and he is hereby

11 authorized, during the term aforesaid, to continue to main-
12 tain a cable across said river, and to keep and use, for the
13 purposes of said ferry, suitable boats, to be propelled by
14 cable and the current of the stream, by oars, sails, naphtha,
15 gasoline, electricity, or other appropriate motive power, as
16 he may determine.

Sect. 2. Said ferry shall be operated daily, weather and
2 ice permitting, and the said Walker, for the transportation
3 of persons and property across said ferry between the hours
4 of five of the clock in the forenoon and nine of the clock in
5 the afternoon, is empowered to collect and receive tolls,
6 as follows: For vehicles drawn by one or two horses
7 attached thereto and occupied by not exceeding four per-
8 sons, fifteen cents; for each person in excess of the num-
9 ber of four, five cents, and for each additional horse, ten
10 cents; for each foot passenger, five cents; for a bicycle and
11 rider, ten cents; for neatsfoot animals and for each horse,
12 not driven in harness, ten cents; and for such transportation
13 between the hours of nine of the clock in the afternoon and
14 five of the clock in the afternoon he is empowered to collect
15 and receive tolls double in amount those hereinabove par-
16 ticularly enumerated. Excursion, return, and like special
17 transportation across said ferry may be sold by the said
18 Walker, in his discretion, at less than the aforesaid rates.
19 All other rates of toll shall be fixed and determined by the
20 commissioners of the county of Penobscot, upon written
21 application of the owner of said ferry.

Sect. 3. The termini of said ferry shall remain in substantially the same locations as at present, and, during the aforesaid period of fifteen years, no other ferry shall be established or maintained across said river nearer the said ferry than Ayer's Falls, in a generally southerly direction, and Marsh Rips, in a generally northerly direction, therefrom. Said Walker is hereby authorized to erect and maintain at the terminal points of said ferry such wharves, slips, landings, toll houses, waiting rooms and other structures as may be necessary or convenient for the proper operation of said ferry, and, for that purpose, to take and hold, or purchase and lease, real estate at the terminal points thereof. If said Walker and the owners of such real estate cannot agree as to the value of any land taken under this act, the value shall be fixed and the damages assessed in the manner provided by law in cases where real estate is taken by railroads.

Sect. 4. Said Walker may, by instrument in writing, to be executed, acknowledged and delivered as a deed, transfer the franchise of the aforesaid ferry, and, thereupon, he shall be relieved from all obligations imposed by this act. The language of this act shall ever be read and construed to include the associates and assigns of the said Walker whenever and wherever the context so requires or admits.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 14, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MARTIN from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*