

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 65

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*Reported by Senator Burleigh from Committee on Railroads  
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*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Van Buren Bridge Company.

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

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Section 1. Allan E. Hammond, Henry A. Gagnon,  
2 Charles L. Cyr, Willie F. Paradis, Joseph F. Theriault, all  
3 of Van Buren, Hershel D. Collins of Caribou, Arthur P.  
4 Libby of Fort Fairfield, all in the county of Aroostook, and  
5 Charles E. Oak of Bangor in the County of Penobscot, their  
6 associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body  
7 corporate and politic under the name of VAN BUREN  
8 BRIDGE COMPANY, with all the powers and privileges,  
9 and with all the duties and liabilities of corporations under

10 the laws of the State.

Sect. 2. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
2 or assigns, may construct and maintain a bridge, with all  
3 necessary approaches, piers, abutments, and appurtenances,  
4 and use and operate the same across the St. John River from  
5 the Town of Van Buren in the County of Aroostook in the  
6 State of Maine, into the parish of St. Leonards in the  
7 County of Madawaska in the Province of New Brunswick  
8 on the opposite side of said river; provided that the con-  
9 struction of said bridge shall not be commenced until the  
10 consent of the Congress of the United States, and of the  
11 proper authorities in the Dominion of Canada for the erec-  
12 tion of the structure shall have been obtained; and may lay  
13 and equip tracks on said bridge for the passage of locomo-  
14 tive engines, cars, and railroad trains; with all the necessary  
15 approaches, tracks, sidings, equipment, machinery and ap-  
16 pliances required to enable said Van Buren Bridge Com-  
17 pany, its successors and assigns, to use and operate said  
18 bridge; and may own, lease, and operate such bridge and  
19 such engines, cars and trains; and may purchase, or acquire,  
20 by eminent domain as for public uses, hold and use such  
21 real estate, including land for sidings, approaches, abut-  
22 ments and other such like accommodations, required for the  
23 convenient working of the traffic to, from and over the said  
24 bridge, as may be necessary therefor; and shall have the  
25 right to take, remove and use for the construction or repair  
26 of said bridge, piers, abutments, approaches, sidings, and

27 appurtenances any earth, sand, gravel, stone or other ma-  
28 terials on or from the land so taken, provided that in all  
29 cases said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and  
30 assigns, shall pay for such lands, estate, earth, sand, gravel,  
31 stone or other materials so taken and used, such price as  
32 said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors and assigns,  
33 and the respective owner or owners thereof may agree upon,  
34 and in case said parties shall not so agree, the damages to  
35 be paid by said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
36 and assigns, for the lands, estate, earth, sand, gravel, stone  
37 or other materials authorized to be taken and used by this  
38 act, shall be ascertained and determined in the manner and  
39 under the conditions and limitations as are by law provided  
40 for in the case of damages for the taking of real estate for  
41 railroad purposes.

Sect. 3. For all purposes herein mentioned, and all others  
2 incidental thereto, said Van Buren Bridge Company, its  
3 successors and assigns, is authorized to unite with the Res-  
4 tigouche and Western Railway Company whatever its pres-  
5 ent name may be, a corporation incorporated by Chapter 82  
6 of the Private and Special Laws of the Province of New  
7 Brunswick of the year 1897, under authority subsequently  
8 conferred upon it by Chapter 78 of the Laws of the Par-  
9 liament of the Dominion of Canada of the 63-64 of Vic-  
10 toria, assented to June 14, 1900, and with any other cor-  
11 poration that now is or may hereafter be incorporated or  
12 organized for similar purposes under or by virtue of the

13 laws of said province or of the said Parliament, in con-  
14 structing the bridge and its approaches, sidings, piers, abut-  
15 ments and appurtenances, and equipping, working, operat-  
16 ing, managing and using the same; and may enter into any  
17 agreement with such corporation or corporations respect-  
18 ing the construction, maintenance, management, equipment,  
19 operation and use of said bridge, approaches, sidings, ap-  
20 purtenances and equipment.

Sect. 4. A toll is hereby granted and established for the  
2 benefit of said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
3 and assigns, and it, and they may charge and collect from  
4 freight, passengers, mails, express, and all other traffic on  
5 and over said bridge, approaches, and sidings, such reason-  
6 able rates and tolls as the directors may from time to time  
7 prescribe or approve; subject, however, to the laws of the  
8 United States governing the same, and may enter into traf-  
9 fic and trackage contracts for the use of said bridge, ap-  
10 proaches and sidings.

Sect. 5. Said bridge shall be constructed at a sufficient  
2 height from the water, and with suitable and sufficient pas-  
3 sageways for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

Sect. 6. The authorized capital stock of said Van Buren  
2 Bridge Company shall be two hundred and fifty thousand  
3 dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred  
4 dollars each, which capital may be increased to such amount,  
5 from time to time, as its stockholders may determine, at any  
6 meeting duly called therefor; and for the purposes of ac-

7 quiring, constructing, equipping and maintaining said  
8 bridge, approaches, piers, abutments, sidings, equipment  
9 and appurtenances, said Van Buren Bridge Company, its  
10 successors and assigns, may issue bonds or other securities  
11 from time to time, of such denominations and on such terms  
12 and rate of interest, and to such amount as its stockholders  
13 may at a meeting duly called therefor, by vote determine,  
14 not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of its authorized  
15 capital stock at the time said bonds or other securities are  
16 issued; and may secure the same by a mortgage upon all  
17 and singular its property, real and personal, including its  
18 railroad bridge, approaches, sidings, equipment, appurte-  
19 nances, rights, privileges, franchises, easements and tolls as  
20 it may deem best.

Sect. 7. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
2 and assigns, may enter into contracts and agreements with  
3 any railroad corporation organized under the laws of the  
4 state, to guarantee the payment of the principal and inter-  
5 est of such bonds, and other securities as said Van Buren  
6 Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, may legally  
7 issue, and any such railroad corporation is hereby author-  
8 ized and empowered to guarantee the payment of the prin-  
9 cipal and interest of said bonds, and other securities upon  
10 such terms and conditions as said parties may agree, and  
11 may purchase, own, hold and dispose of said bonds and oth-  
12 er securities.

Sect. 8. Any railroad corporation organized under the

2 laws of the state, is hereby authorized and empowered to  
3 purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own and dispose of  
4 any part or all of the capital stock of said Van Buren Bridge  
5 Company.

Sect. 9. Said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
2 and assigns, is hereby authorized and empowered to lease,  
3 sell and convey all of its property, real and personal, fran-  
4 chises, easements, rights to charge and collect tolls and all  
5 other property, to any railroad corporation organized and  
6 operating under the laws of the state, and any such rail-  
7 road corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to  
8 acquire of said Van Buren Bridge Company, its successors  
9 and assigns, by lease or purchase, and to use and operate  
10 said property, franchises, easements and rights to charge  
11 and collect tolls upon such terms and conditions as may be  
12 agreed upon between said company and said corporation  
13 or their directors; and said Van Buren Bridge Company, its  
14 successors and assigns, and said railroad corporation, may  
15 consolidate, or merge upon such terms and conditions as  
16 they or their directors may determine.

Sect. 10. Any three of the persons named in the first sec-  
2 tion of this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation  
3 intended to be formed under the provisions hereof, by giv-  
4 ing in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to him  
5 a notice of the time and place of the meeting for the pur-  
6 pose of organizing said corporation at least seven days be-  
7 fore the day of the meeting.