

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 182

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Wood of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to establish the Mount Desert Bridge District for the purpose of acquiring, freeing and reconstructing the Mt. Desert toll bridge in the town of Trenton in Hancock county.

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

Section 1. The towns of Eden, Mount Desert, Southwest 2 Harbor, Tremont and Trenton, in the county of Hancock, 3 and the people within the same, shall constitute a public 4 municipal corporation under the name of the Mount Desert 5 Bridge District, for the purpose of acquiring the toll bridge, 6 approaches and toll house, together with all franchises be-

7 longing to the same, owned by the Mt. Desert Toll Bridge
8 Co., extending across the Narrows, so-called, from the main-
9 land to Thompson's Island, all in the town of Trenton, or for
10 the constructing a bridge in a new location across said
11 "Narrows."

Sect. 2. Said bridge district is hereby empowered, if the
2 trustees hereinafter provided for deem best, to purchase said
3 existing bridge, and pay therefor a sum not exceeding five
4 thousand dollars.

Sect. 3. Said Mount Desert Bridge District shall have the
2 right of eminent domain to take all land necessary for lay-
3 ing out a location for a new bridge, approaches and toll
4 house, should the latter be deemed more expedient than to
5 purchase the new existing bridge, and the proceedings and all
6 subsequent proceedings shall be had under all the conditions
7 by law prescribed for laying out highways.

Sect. 4. All affairs of said bridge district shall be man-
2 aged by a board of trustees composed of ten members, five
3 chosen by Eden, two by Mt. Desert, one by Southwest Har-
4 bor, one by Tremont and one by Trenton; said trustees may
5 choose a treasurer, clerk and such other officers and agents as
6 it deems necessary for the proper management of the affairs
7 of the district, and may establish a code of by-laws and all
8 necessary rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the
9 affairs of said district.

Sect. 5. Said bridge district is hereby **authorized and em-**
2 **powered to acquire by purchase or by exercise of the right of**

3 eminent domain, which right is hereby expressly delegated to
4 said bridge district, for said purpose, the toll bridge ap-
5 proaches and toll house, together with all franchises belong-
6 ing to the same, owned by the Mount Desert Bridge Com-
7 pany extending across the Narrows, so called, from the
8 mainland to Thompson's Island in the town of Trenton.
9 Said Mount Desert Bridge Company is hereby authorized to
10 sell and transfer all its franchises and property to said
11 Mount Desert Bridge District.

Sect. 6. For accomplishing the purposes of this act said
2 bridge district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow
3 money temporarily and issue therefor the interest bearing
4 notes of the district and for the purpose of refunding or
5 paying said indebtedness, may from time to time issue bonds
6 of the district to an amount necessary in the judgment of the
7 trustees therefor; said notes and bonds shall be legal obli-
8 gations of the bridge district which is hereby declared a
9 quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Re-
10 vised Statutes.

Sect. 7. The property of said district shall be exempt
2 from all taxation in the town or towns where said bridge
3 district is located.

Sect. 8. Said bridge shall be a free bridge.

Sect. 9. All incidental powers, rights and privileges
2 necessary to the accomplishment of the main object herein
3 set forth are granted to the public municipal corporation
4 hereby created.

Sect. 10. The towns composing said bridge district may
2 at any town meeting duly called, vote to raise money to
3 liquidate any liability of said bridge district including the
4 retiring of its bonds; each town to be liable in the following
5 proportions: Eden five-tenths, Mount Desert two-tenths,
6 Southwest Harbor one-tenth, Tremont one-tenth and
7 Trenton one-tenth and such proportional part due from each
8 town may be duly assessed and become a part of the taxes of
9 each town, and by the town paid over to the trustees of said
10 bridge district.

Sect. 11. The bridge shall be maintained as provided
2 under Chapter seventy-two of the Private and Special Laws
3 of 1915, and in the same manner as though said bridge dis-
4 trict had not been formed.

Sect. 12. Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915 known
2 as the bridge law, shall apply to said bridge district in the
3 same manner as it does to a town or city and said bridge
4 district shall furnish fifty per cent of the cost of construc-
5 tion, the county thirty per cent and the state twenty per cent.