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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 236

In Senate, Feb. 27, 1917.

*Reported by Mr. Holt from Committee on Public Utilities and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to re-
quire through routes and joint rates by common carriers for
the transportation of persons or property.

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

Section 1. The Public Utilities Commission may, after
2 hearing, on a complaint or upon its own motion without
3 complaint, require any two or more railroads operated by
4 steam whose lines form a continuous line of transportation,
5 or could be made reasonably so to do by the construction and
6 maintenance of switch connection or interchange track at

7 connecting points, to establish through routes, and joint
8 rates, fares, charges and classifications for the transportation
9 of property or passengers, provided there is no reasonable
10 existing through route between the places it is desired to
11 serve.

Sect. 2. On failure of such railroads to establish joint
12 rates, fares, charges or classifications, as provided in the pre-
13 ceding section, the commission may, in the same proceeding,
14 or in a separate proceeding involving rates, fares, charges or
15 classifications, prescribe joint rates, fares, charges and classi-
16 fications as the maximum to be exacted for the transporta-
17 tion by them of property or passengers, and if such com-
18 panies cannot agree as to the division of rates, fares, or the
19 conditions under which such through rates or transportation
20 shall be established or such cars or other equipment oper-
21 ated, the commission may, after due hearing, determine and
22 prescribe the proportionate portions of such through rates,
23 fares or charges payable to each of such companies necessary
24 to the establishment of such through routes or transporta-
25 tion and the conditions under which such through routes or
26 transportation shall be established or the conditions under
27 which such cars or other equipment shall be operated.

Sect. 3. In establishing any such through route the com-
2 mission shall not require any company, without its consent,
3 to embrace in any such route substantially less than the
4 entire length of the railroad owned, leased, operated or con-
5 trolled by it, or operated in conjunction and under a common

6 management therewith, which lies between the places to be
7 served by such through route.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to require, or
2 as authorizing the commission to require, any steam railroad
3 to "short haul" itself or to give the use of its tracks or of its
4 terminal facilities to another carrier engaged in a like or
5 similar business.