

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 99

House of Representatives, February 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Hinckley from Committee on Judiciary
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Fourteen of Chapter Two, of the
Revised Statutes, Relating to Notice of Proceedings for Re-
linquishment to the United States of the Title to Certain
Lands.

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

Section fourteen of chapter two of the revised statutes of
2 Maine is hereby amended by striking out the word "months"
3 in the twelfth line thereof and inserting in its place the
4 word 'weeks,' so that the chapter as amended shall read
5 as follows :

'Whenever, upon application of an authorized agent of
2 the United States, it is made to appear to any justice of
3 the supreme judicial court, that the United States desires

4 to purchase a tract of land and the right of way thereto,
5 within the state, for the erection of a lighthouse, beacon
6 light, range light, or light keeper's dwelling, forts, bat-
7 teries or other public buildings, and that any owner is a
8 minor, or is insane or is from any cause incapable of mak-
9 ing perfect title to said lands or is unknown, or a non-resi-
10 dent, or from disagreement in price or any other cause,
11 refuses to convey such land to the United States, said jus-
12 tice shall order notice of said application to be published
13 in some newspaper in the county where such land lies, if
14 any, otherwise in a paper in this state nearest to said land,
15 once a week, for three weeks, which notice shall contain
16 an accurate description of said land with the names of
17 the supposed owners, provable in the manner required for
18 publications of notice in chapter eighty-six, and shall re-
19 quire all persons interested in said land on a day specified
20 in said notice, to file their objections to the proposed pur-
21 chase; and at the time so specified a justice of said court
22 shall empanel a jury, in the manner provided for the trial
23 of civil actions to assess the value of said land at its fair
24 market value and all damages sustained by the owner of
25 such land by reason of such appropriations; which amount
26 when so assessed, with the entire costs of said proceedings,
27 shall be paid into the treasury of said county, and there-
28 upon the sheriff thereof, upon the production of the certifi-
29 cate of the treasurer that said amount has been paid, shall
30 execute to the United States and deliver to its agent a deed

31 of said land, reciting the proceedings in said cause, which
32 deed shall convey to the United States a good and absolute
33 title to said land against all persons.'