

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED APRIL 17, 1857;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BANGOR:
WHEELER & LYNDE.

1857.

clerk chosen shall continue in office till the records are so deposited.

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SEC. 13. Such a final division shall not dissolve the corporation till the end of ten years thereafter; but the last proprietors in common and their heirs shall continue in their corporate capacity, for collecting all debts due to the corporation, and remain liable to pay all debts due therefrom; and may call and hold meetings, vote assessments for payment of their debts, and all other charges necessary for closing their business.

Certain corporate powers continued after final division.
R. S., c. 85,
§ 19.

SEC. 14. The owners of an unincorporate township or tract of land are authorized to call meetings to raise money, and to choose officers to assess and collect it, for making and repairing highways laid out under the provisions of section thirty, chapter eighteen.

Money raised for highways.
R. S., c. 25,
§ 56.

CHAPTER 57.

MILLS AND THEIR REPAIRS.

- SEC. 1. Manner of calling a meeting of mill owners.
2. Owners of half or more may repair or rebuild.
 3. How to be reimbursed. Special contracts not affected.
 4. Proceedings if a part owner be a minor, and in certain other cases.
 5. Owners of grist mills to furnish scales for weighing grain.
 6. Toll established.

SEC. 1. When an owner of a mill, or of the dam necessary for working it, thinks it necessary to rebuild or repair it in whole or in part, he may apply in writing to a justice of the peace in the county where it is situated, or if situated partly in one county and partly in another, to a justice in either, to call a meeting of the owners, stating the object, time, and place of the meeting, and such justice may issue his warrant for the purpose, directed to such owner, which shall be published in some newspaper printed in the county, if any, three weeks successively, the last publication to be not less than ten, nor more than thirty days before the meeting; or a true copy of the warrant may be delivered to each of said owners, or left at his last and usual place of abode; and either notice shall be binding on all the owners.

Manner of calling a meeting of mill owners.
31 Maine, 34.
R. S., c. 86, § 1.

SEC. 2. At such meeting, whether all the owners attend or not, the owners in interest of at least one-half of such mill or dam may rebuild or repair, one or both, so far as to make them serviceable; and shall be reimbursed what they advanced therefor beyond their proportions, with interest in the meantime, out of said mill or its profits.

Owners of half or more may repair or rebuild.
31 Maine, 34.
R. S., c. 86, § 3.

SEC. 3. If they are not reimbursed by the profits of the mill, or paid by the other owners, within six months after the work is completed, they may charge one per cent. a month on the amount advanced, from the end of six months till so reimbursed

How to be reimbursed.
R. S., c. 86, § 4.

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or paid; and if any delinquent owner dies, or alienates his interest in the premises, the advancing owners shall have a continuing lien thereon for the reimbursement of the advancements; but no special contract, made by the owners, respecting the building or repairing such mill or dam, shall be hereby affected.

Proceedings if
a part owner
be a minor, &c.
R. S., c. 86, § 6.

SEC. 4. Where any part of such mill or dam, at the time of meeting and notice, is held and possessed by minors, married women, tenants by courtesy, in tail for life or years, or by mortgager or mortgagee, the guardians of such minors, husband of such married woman in her right, such tenant, mortgager or mortgagee shall be deemed, for the purposes of this act, the proprietors thereof, and shall be notified, vote, and contribute accordingly; and all advances made by them on account of such minors, heirs of married women, those in remainder or reversion, or the other party in the mortgage, if not paid, shall be recoverable in a special action on the case, with interest.

Owners of grist
mills to furnish
scales for
weighing
grain.
R. S., c. 86, § 7.

SEC. 5. The owner of every grist mill shall keep therein, scales and weights, to weigh corn, grain, and meal, when required; and for neglecting so to do, or refusing to weigh corn, grain, or meal, when required, or for taking more than lawful toll, he shall forfeit five dollars to be recovered by action of debt with costs, before any justice of the peace for the county where the offence is committed.

Toll estab-
lished.
R. S., c. 86, § 8.

SEC. 6. The toll for grinding, cleansing, and bolting all sorts of grain shall not exceed one sixteenth part thereof.

CHAPTER 58.

SOCIETY AND BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

- SEC. 1.** Board, of whom to consist after terms of present members and secretary expire. What societies may elect members of board. When and how members are to be elected and their tenure of office. What certificate shall be required as evidence of membership. Vacancies, how filled.
- 2.** Members of board, how to be classified.
- 3.** Board to meet annually on third Wednesday of January at Augusta. May elect secretary and prescribe his duties. Vacancy may be filled by the governor. Reports and returns to be made to secretary of board. Compensation of the secretary. Compensation of members. Proviso.
- 4.** Board, duties of; may hold in trust donations or bequests; shall submit to legislature annually, on or before the first day of January, a report of its doings, with abstract of returns of other societies. Report to be printed and distributed.
- 5.** Salaries and expenses, appropriation therefor.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

- 6.** Officers to be elected at annual meeting. Thirteen members constitute a quorum.
- 7.** Society may hold estate, annual income not to exceed five thousand dollars.
- 8.** To receive from the state as many dollars as it raises, not exceeding one thousand annually.