

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

EXTRA SESSION OF 1853, AND SESSION OF 1854.



Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1854.

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 3.

Chapter 28 of the Laws of 1853.

AN ACT prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Petitions or propositions for any act of incorporation, or for the repeal, alterations, amendment or change of, or act additional to any act of incorporation, shall be published three weeks successively, in some paper printed in the county where such corporation is proposed to be, or if existing, is located, in the month of December next preceding the session of the legislature to which the same is directed; and if no paper is published in such county, or if such corporation extends, or is to extend its operations into several counties, then such petition shall be also published as aforesaid, in the paper published by the printer to the state; and this section shall also apply to persons making application to be set off from one town to another, and to the division of towns and counties—and all petitions for private legislation shall be served upon the persons directly interested therein adversely to the petitioners, by giving such persons in hand or leaving at their last and usual place of abode, a true and attested copy of such petition, on or before the twentieth day of December aforesaid, and the same shall be served as aforesaid by any officer authorized to serve writs in civil actions. The affidavit of the printer on the back

of such petitions, and the return of the officer shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated.

SECT. 2. Any petition or proposition aforesaid presented in the senate or house of representatives, and not having thereon the evidence of notice prescribed in the first section of this act, shall be referred to the legislature holding its session next after that to which it is presented, and shall not be otherwise acted upon—and all orders of notice upon applications for private or special legislation, other than those mentioned as aforesaid, shall be made returnable to said next legislature.

SECT. 3. Chapter thirteen of the revised statutes entitled "Of notices of petitions to the legislature" is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to amend “An act prescribing the time when
notice shall be given upon petitions for special legis-
lation.”

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The provisions of the first section of
2 the act, entitled “An act prescribing the time when
3 notice shall be given upon petitions for special legis-
4 lation,” approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hun-
5 dred and fifty-three, shall be held to apply only to
6 those cases in which the rights of corporations or
7 individuals other than those for whom legislation is
8 proposed shall be adversely affected.

SECT. 2. Said act is hereby further amended, by
2 striking out the second section thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its approval by the governor.

IN SENATE, February 16, 1854.

This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be en-
grossed.

Sent down for concurrence,

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 17, 1854. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of this act, together with the
original to which this is additional, be printed for the use of
the House.

JOHN J. PERRY, *Clerk.*