

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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1854.

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 25.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint
business of railroad companies.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any railroad companies, which
2 have been or may hereafter be chartered by the
3 legislature, shall fail to agree upon terms of connec-
3 tion, or the rates at which passengers and merchan-
4 dise coming from the one shall be transported over
5 the other, the supreme judicial court holden at any
6 term, in any county in which either of such connect-
7 ing roads shall be located, on application of either
8 party, and after such notice to the other as the court

9 shall direct, shall appoint three commissioners to de-
10 termine the matter.

SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall, upon due notice
2 to the parties interested, and after hearing the same,
3 proceed to determine and award in writing, upon the
4 matter submitted, and prescribe the things to be done
5 and performed by the parties or either of them. The
6 award of said commissioners or a majority of them,
7 shall be returned to the supreme judicial court in the
8 same county where the application was made, and
9 shall be there accepted and recorded, unless the court
10 for cause shown, shall order the same to be recom-
11 mitted for further hearing and determination. And
12 upon the acceptance of such award, it shall be bind-
13 ing upon the respective parties interested in the same
14 until a new award shall be made upon a further ap-
15 plication ; but no application for a new award shall
16 be entertained until the expiration of one year from
17 the day of the acceptance of the preceding award.

SECT. 3. The court shall have power to prescribe
2 the mode of proceeding by said commissioners, and
3 shall issue all such process as may be necessary to
4 secure the due execution and performance of any
5 award made and accepted under the provisions of
6 this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 29, 1854. }

Read once, laid upon the table, and Ordered, That 350
copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*