

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 9.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND SIXTY.

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AN ACT additional to incorporate the Proprietors of the  
Augusta Free Bridge Company.

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

SECTION 1. The Augusta Free Bridge Company may  
2 purchase the Kennebec bridge, the franchise thereof  
3 and real estate and appurtenances used therewith, on  
4 terms agreed upon by the parties, or determined by  
5 persons selected by them; and if they are unable to  
6 agree, the value of the same may be determined by  
7 three disinterested appraisers, inhabitants of the county  
8 of Kennebec, appointed by a judge of the supreme  
9 judicial court, on application of either party, and a

10 hearing thereon. Said appraisers shall be sworn, give  
11 notice to the parties of the time and place of their  
12 meeting to examine and appraise said property, and  
13 make to each party a written award, and their servi-  
14 ces shall be paid by said free bridge company. The  
15 negotiations for this purchase shall be commenced by  
16 said free bridge company, by making written applica-  
17 tion for a sale to the proprietors of the Kennebec  
18 bridge, their agent, clerk or treasurer, and said pro-  
19 prietors shall have thirty days in which to give their  
20 answer thereto. If an appraisal is made as aforesaid,  
21 said proprietors shall have twenty days after it is made  
22 known, to decide whether they will sell thereat. If  
23 they decide to do so, and so notify the free bridge  
24 company in writing, then said company shall have six  
25 months thereafter to pay the appraised value, and if  
26 they do so pay, they shall be entitled to a conveyance  
27 of the property. If such purchase is effected in either  
28 mode, the free bridge company may maintain and  
29 operate said bridge, in its present location, under this  
30 and the acts to which this is additional. If the pro-  
31 prietors of the Kennebec bridge do not affirmatively  
32 answer in writing the first application of said free  
33 bridge company in thirty days, or do not decide to sell  
34 at the appraisal and so notify said free bridge company  
35 in twenty days, or if after such appraisal, the free

36 bridge company declines to purchase at the appraisal,  
37 then said free bridge company may proceed to build a  
38 new bridge according to the acts to which this is addi-  
34 tional.

SEC. 2. The city of Augusta may lay out and estab-  
2 lish any public ways necessary to connect existing  
3 ways in said city with the Kennebec river for the pur-  
4 poses of erecting said free bridge thereon, subject to  
5 the payment of damages as in other like cases.

SEC. 3. The acts to which this additional are modi-  
2 fied to conform to this act, which shall take effect from  
3 and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 13, 1860.

This bill, reported by the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*