

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 69.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing the city of Gardiner and the town of Pittston, or either of them, to raise money for and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston bridge.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Gardiner and town of Pitts-
2 ton, or either of them, are hereby authorized and em-
3 powered to raise money to purchase the bridge across
4 the Kennebec river between the said city and town
5 now belonging to the proprietors of the Gardiner and
6 Pittston bridge.

SECT. 2. Said city and town, or either of them, are
2 hereby authorized and empowered to take and pur-
3 chase said bridge and franchise, with all the rights,
4 privileges, powers, and appurtenances thereto belong-
5 ing, on the payment to said proprietors of said bridge

6 such a sum as may be mutually agreed upon by said
7 city and town and said proprietors; *provided*, that
8 two-thirds of the voters present at a meeting legally
9 called for that purpose by said city and town, shall be
10 in favor of such purchase, but if the said city and
11 town and said proprietors cannot agree upon said sum,
12 then the value of said bridge, franchise, and damage
13 thereby occasioned to said proprietors, shall be as-
14 sessed and determined by the county commissioners
15 for Kennebec county, in the same manner and with
16 the same rights as damages are assessed and deter-
17 mined in cases where lands are taken for highways
18 under and by virtue of the statute now in force in this
19 state; and when this sum of money shall be deter-
20 mined, and the city of Gardiner and the town of
21 Pittston, or either of them, shall pay the same to the
22 proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston bridge, as the
23 value of said bridge and franchise at the time, then
24 the said bridge and franchise, and all its appurtenances
25 thereto belonging, shall become the property of the
26 said city and town, or either of them, so paying,
27 each owning in proportion to the amount respectively
28 paid; and all the rights, powers and privileges of the
29 said corporators of the Gardiner and Pittston bridge
30 shall thereafter cease.

SECT. 3. Said city of Gardiner and town of Pittston,
2 or either them, having purchased the Gardiner and
3 Pittston bridge, shall keep up, maintain, light and
4 attend the said bridge and the draw, in the same man-
5 ner as the corporators of the Gardiner and Pittston
6 bridge are now compelled to do by their charter and
7 all subsequent laws pertaining thereto.

SECT. 4. The city of Gardiner and the town of
2 Pittston, or either of them, having purchased the
3 Gardiner and Pittston bridge, may fix and take tolls
4 on said bridge, not exceeding those now established
5 by law, for a term not exceeding six years from the
6 date of said purchase, after which time the said bridge
7 shall become a free bridge, and shall forever after be
8 maintained, lighted and attended by the said city and
9 town as a free bridge, and the expenses and liabilities
10 of the same shall be paid by the city and town in pro-
11 portion to the parts of said bridge owned by each.

SECT. 5. The city of Gardiner and the town of Pitts-
2 ton, or either of them, may issue bonds for the pur-
3 chase of said bridge, which bonds shall not be given
4 for a longer time than six years; and all tolls and
5 money received from said bridge shall be paid weekly
6 to the treasurer of the city of Gardiner and the treas-
7 urer of the town of Pittston, in proportion to the parts

8 of said bridge owned by each; and all money so
9 received by the said city and town, or either of them,
10 shall be appropriated for the payment of the bonds thus
11 issued.

SECT. 6. This act shall be in force from and after
2 its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 23, 1869. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,
by Mr. HINKS, and on his motion, ordered to be printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*