

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 41.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the order of the House, relating to authorizing the several counties, cities and towns, to purchase and make free all the toll bridges and turnpikes in this State, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the accompanying bill, and recommend that the same be printed and recommitted.

Per order.

S. T. HINKS.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1870. }

Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

IN SENATE, February 14, 1870.

Read and concurred.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to toll bridges and turnpikes.

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

SECTION 1. All bridges and turnpikes in this state
2 where tolls are by law collectable, are hereby declared
3 public highways ; and when opened to the public as
4 hereinafter provided, such bridges and turnpikes shall
5 be maintained and kept in repair by the towns con-
6 nected thereby and through which the same pass, in
7 proportion to their valuation.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the county commis-
2 sioners of the county in which such bridges or turn-
3 pikes are located, upon the written application of ten
4 legal voters of the towns connected by said bridges, or
5 through which such turnpikes pass, after due notice
6 to the parties, to assess the damages to be paid to the
7 owners thereof, which shall be made in the manner
8 now provided by law for the assessment of damages

9 for land taken for highways, and such damages, when
10 so assessed, shall be paid in the manner provided for
11 the payment of damages for land taken for highways.

SECT. 3. The towns connected by such bridges,
2 shall have all the rights and be subject to all the duties
3 and liabilities, secured to and imposed upon the pro-
4 prietors thereof by their several acts of incorporation,
5 except that they shall not have the right to collect
6 tolls ; nor shall tolls hereafter be collected upon such
7 turnpikes.